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CATCHING SOME ICE TIME



Ross Crawford, 17, a junior at Grayling High School, spent the day Sunday ice fishing on Lake Margrethe after lugging his equipment across the ice.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling residents give hope to hurricane victims

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Whether in Grayling or their winter home in Florida, Marilyn and Charlie Fick are among an army of volunteers working to help the victims impacted by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

The Ficks, who winter in Largo, Fla., have taken part in several recovery projects through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Mississippi.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such a magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

The Ficks have been on work projects where they stay at churches or in tents and help to clean up debris from damaged houses and helps with building new housing for hurricane victims.

"There's so much work to do, it's gong to take 10 years just to make a dent in it," said Charlie, who attends Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Fick's involvement with work projects is through the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Largo.

Jim and Donna Carmean of Grayling, who also attend the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, also recently went on trip to Mississippi.

Donna Carmean said it is staggering to see the devastation caused by the hurricanes.

"It looks just like a bomb went off - there is stuff everywhere," she said.

Although UMCOR is based out of the Methodist Church, Donna Carmean said volunteers from other church denominations are among the brigade of people from across the country who come to help hurricane victims.

"They're easily identifiable because they are all covered with drywall dust and paint," she said.

Jim Carmean, a retired roofing contractor, helped supervise roofing jobs and did drywall work.

"When you leave down there and a full grown man hugs you and cries, you know you've done some good," Jim said.

In October, Fick, the owner of Fick and Sons, Inc., donated fuel and a truck and trailer used to carry 9,700 relief kits, which are made up of health and beauty

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Candidates file for school board seats

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two incumbent members on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education are being challenged for their seats on the board.

Four candidates are running for two four-year seats on the school board.

The candidates who filed their nominating petition by the Feb. 7 deadline are:

- Sandra L. Enos, 50, a home based teacher for the Grayling Headstart program.

- Judith R. Gorski, 59, a retired Grayling High School principal.

- John Pilon, 54, a Department of Natural Resources forester, who is the current school board president and has been on the school board for eight years.

- Carol E. Ramaswamy, 50, a nurse who works in the surgical unit at Mercy Hospital Grayling, who is the current school board treasurer who has served on the board for 12 years.

The school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 2. This is the second year that school elections, which were in June, have been slated earlier in the year under state election law reforms aimed at boosting voter turnout.

Military museum seeks site in town

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City and Township officials have given their preliminary approval to a group seeking to establish a military museum in the community.

The Grayling City Council on Monday agreed to enter into negotiations with the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation and Grayling Township for the possible lease of the former fire station.

The fire station is jointly owned by the township and city and was vacated when the new fire department was opened last year.

The Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation, which was founded in 1995, is seeking to lease the former fire station to start a museum where military vehicles and memorabilia would be displayed.

Brian Morrison, a Boyne City resident and president of the board of trustees for the foundation, believes that the prospect is ideal for the military museum since the fire station is located near the American Legion. The foundation includes between 100 to 150 members.

Several members are involved with the Great Lakes Military

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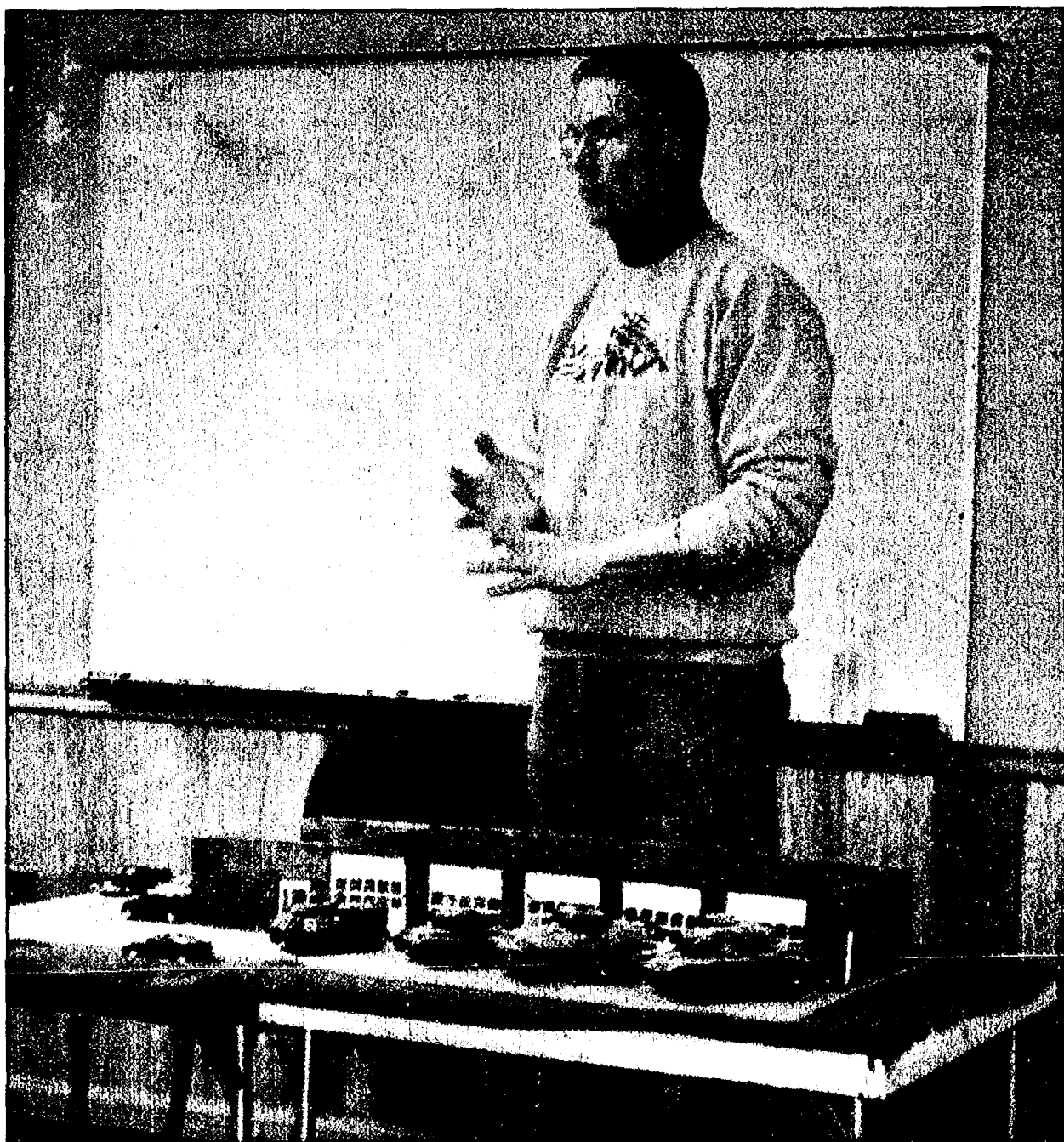


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Brian Morrison, a Boyne City resident and president of the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation, talks about the groups plans with the Grayling City Council.

Tires at salvage yards to be removed with DEQ funds

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Thousands of scrap tires will be rolling out of Crawford County this year.

Grayling and Beaver Creek Townships received a \$18,750 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) grant to help fund the Grayling area's ongoing scrap tire removal initiative.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright coordinated the Crawford County Scrap Tire Cleanup project two years ago.

The annual program, which will be held on Saturday, June 17, allows business owners and citizens to get rid of scrap tires they have in storage or on their property.

Scrap tires serve as a breeding ground for disease carrying mosquitoes, create a fire hazard, can contaminate the soil and groundwater when they break down and are just plain unsightly, Wright said.

For the last two years, hundreds of tires have been removed from Weaver's Repair and Recycling Yard, a salvage yard located off of County Road

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St. Mary's project nears completion



A crew from Caliber Construction of Roscommon set a new cross on top of the bell tower at the St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Feb. 4. The brass-colored fiberglass cross replaces a wooden cross that had deteriorated. The \$2 million addition and renovation project for the St. Mary's Church will be completed by the end of the month, said Rich Wagner, project manager for Integrity Construction of Gaylord, the construction management firm hired to oversee the church project.

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supplies gathered at United Methodist Churches in Northern Michigan, that were sent to the hurricane victims.

"It's just my nature. I like to help people," Fick said.

As of December UMCOR has received more than \$24 million in donations for hurricane relief, which has allowed the organization to support recovery in 13

states that have either been directly affected by this year's hurricanes or are hosting hurricane evacuees.

UMCOR specializes in long term relief and recovery work. In the case of Hurricane Katrina, UMCOR estimates that long term will translate to upwards of six years, particularly in hard-hit areas of Louisiana and Mississippi.



Charlie Fick, who winters in Largo, Fla. has taken part in several recovery projects through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Mississippi. Fick is pictured above, cleaning up debris in a damaged home. Below, is a home that was toppled by the floods caused by Hurricane Katrina.



Tires at salvage yards to be removed with DEQ funds

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612 in Maple Forest Township. Tires have also been removed from Wakeley's Auto Parts, a salvage yard located on Shadow Lane in Grayling Township.

The state grant will help pay to remove an estimated 17,000 tires from the two salvage yards.

"The scrap tire program made

a dent in the tires that we have in the county, and now the state grant will help do the rest of the job," Wright said.

The tires will be removed and taken to a plant in White Pigeon, where they will be shredded to be used as fuel for electrical generation plants.

About 12,000 tires have been removed from Crawford County in the last two years. Weyerhaeuser donated \$3,000 in grants for the project and employees also volunteered for the scrap tire collection. AJD Forest Products lent a semi-tractor trailer and equipment for the project, and Waste Management donated roll-off dumpsters which were used to collect tires in outlying areas of the county. The Crawford County Commissioners contributed environmental grant funds to the project, which is also supported by the City of Grayling and five townships in Crawford County.

Riley said he was inspired to start the scrap tire program when a resident who had purchased land in Beaver Township discovered there was hundreds of scrap tires on his property, which had been covered by snow when they purchased the land.

"There are a lot of people and a lot of resources that come together to make the scrap tires program happen," Riley said.

The DEQ funds will help clean up more than 3.8 million scrap tires from sites across the state. The grant stipulates that the tires must be removed and processed by Aug. 31, 2006.

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Community Awards Night



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The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce held the 2005 Community Awards Night at the business after hours hosted at the Holiday Inn Grayling last Thursday. Above left, Ann Stephenson, the owner of Riverland, received the 2005 Athena Award. Above right, Brad Scheer, the owner of Scheer Motors and the sponsor for the Athena Award, received the Citizen of the Year Award. Below, left, Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, presents the Silver Lining Award to Carol and Dan Carney, the owners of the Moose Pub, for building renovations made at the restaurant. Below right, Mark Rais, a member of the Grayling Ambassadors Club, presents the Ambassador of the Year Award to Kim Millikin.

Former vet pleads to attempted larceny

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A former Grayling veterinarian who took pain drugs used to treat sick animals entered into a plea bargain agreement last week.

Brian James Dawson II pleaded guilty to attempted larceny in a building, a two-year felony charge, in Crawford County Circuit Court on Friday. Dawson pleaded to the charge in exchange for two counts of larceny in a building, charges which carry a penalty of four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, would be dropped by Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss.

Detectives from the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) arrested Dawson, who had been working at the Grayling Hospital for Animals, on Oct. 21.

Detectives began investigating Dawson after Dr. Paul Mesack, the owner of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, became suspicious that controlled substances used to treat animals undergoing surgery were being

tampered with.

According to Michigan Department of Community Health's Bureau of Health Professions Board of Veterinary Medicine Disciplinary records, Mesack began noticing large amounts of controlled substances missing in August. Mesack was ordering medication more frequently. He also noticed that animals were not responding to pre-operative medications as they should. Dawson began working at the clinic in August.

Dawson is accused of using Buprenex — a narcotic analgesic used on cats in small amounts, which is a controlled substance. Police recorded Dawson removing the drug from vials at the clinic using a surveillance video. Dawson told 46th Trial Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy that he has been taking the drug for his own use during this plea hearing.

Employees at the clinic also observed that Dawson would close the door to the room where narcotics were stored at the clinic, when other veterinarians

would normally prop the door of the room open with their foot while obtaining the medications. Employees also said they noticed Dawson placing a number of syringes in his pockets, which was not a common practice, and he exhibited abnormal behavior.

Finally, veterinary technicians are trained to take animals outside after receiving preoperative medications to see how they respond. Dawson sent technicians back into clinic, which prevented them from being able to report the effects of the preoperative medications upon the animals.

The Department of Community Health issued an order suspending Dawson's license to practice medicine in the State of Michigan on Dec. 5. Officials, however, set the order aside on Dec. 19 after learning that Dawson had entered into a monitoring agreement with the Health Professional Recovery Program.

Dawson is scheduled to be sentenced on Thursday, March 9.

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Preservation Association and the worldwide Military Vehicles Preservation Association, which has 10,000 members.

Morrison said that the organization has always eyed Grayling as a site for the museum due to its ties to Camp Grayling and the community's central location in the state.

"We want to be able to tie into Grayling's rich history with the military and hope to attract people to the community as they head to other vacation lands in the north," Morrison said.

City Council members gave their approval to negotiate a lease

pending a legal opinion from City Attorney Dave Sabin.

"We ought to know that before we go too far into this," City Council member Tom Wellman said.

Sabin said that government property must be used to serve a public purpose under state law and he had to study if the museum concept would apply.

"There are some exceptions, but it's a pretty hard and fast rule," Sabin said.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the township board was favorable of the lease, but hopes that a compromise could be made that would get the fire station back on the tax rolls.

"If we can help the Military Museum by locating them in the fire barn we certainly want to do that, but the Grayling Township Board hopes we can come up with some sort of agreement so they can own the building and it can go back on the tax rolls," Wright said.

Morrison said the foundation hopes to gain a favorable lease since it will be seeking grant funds and doing fund-raising in order to start the museum.

Eventually, the organization would like to obtain a 10-acre site where it could have both indoor and outdoor displays and a gift shop, which would be run by volunteers.

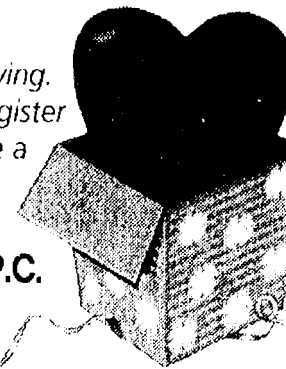
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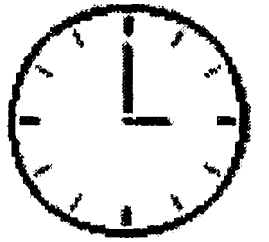
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Memories of Super Bowl and music

SUPER BOWL XL has come and gone, but the memories linger on.

First, in the interests of media disclosure, readers should know that all I know about what went on in Detroit the last couple of weeks and at the Super Bowl is what I read in the newspapers or saw on television. I did not go anywhere near Detroit during that time period.

From all appearances, Detroit did a bang-up job in getting ready for the Super Bowl and all its crowds and exaggerated hype, and carrying off the whole thing.

Friendly people, great musical shows, fine dining, traffic that moved readily, reasonable and convenient parking, entertainment opportunities galore, safe streets ... this is the picture represented by the media, and it's probably true.

The game itself seemed a bit dull, but the adopted hometown

Pittsburgh Steelers won, so all is right with the world ... at least, it's okay east of the Rocky Mountains.

Only two people were murdered around Super Bowl time ... or at least only two murders received any newspaper attention. I don't have any statistics, but I would guess that's a bit below the daily average in Detroit.

THE CHALLENGE for Detroit, of course, is to continue this artificial Super Bowl high, and even build on it.

Much of the change in Detroit for the Super Bowl period was superficial, of course.

The homeless are still homeless. The boarded up buildings are still boarded up, and the empty ones are still empty. The city's budget is still out of balance.

Super Bowl XL is not an

answer for Detroit and its myriad of problems.

But the spirit of cooperation and civic pride exhibited in Michigan's metropolis for the transitory glory of this Super Bowl is heartening, and hopefully will be a harbinger of better times ahead.

NATIONAL ANTHEM - As noted earlier, I attended the Super Bowl only as one of about 90 million Americans (according to one estimate) who watched on television. A hometown Detroit legend, Aretha Franklin, sparked one of my pet personal peeves.

In my opinion, she murdered the national anthem.

Aretha Franklin has a wonderful voice and a terrific stage presence. She's a joy to hear ... but not the way she sang the national anthem.

Why can't performers sing the national anthem the way it is

written? Why must they turn it into a personal project, casting their own special notes and meters and ranges and interpretations to rob the meaning from what should be one of our most respected national treasures?

Ms. Franklin, of course, is not the only performer to commit mayhem on the national anthem, and if you can abide that sort of thing, she did a remarkably fine job.

Many would-be divas and artistes, both men and women, also trot out their own personal interpretations, from the high school basketball game through college and professional sports up to the Super Bowl, and into public meetings of all sorts.

I don't think they should. I think it should be presented as written and originally intended.

JOSE FELICIANO - Several years ago, in one of the Detroit

Tigers' championship years, Ernie Harwell - Tiger broadcaster and himself a song writer - presented a young singer named Jose Feliciano to sing the national anthem at a world series game in Detroit.

The young Feliciano offered an off beat rendition with his own personal touches, ranging all over the lot much as Ms. Franklin did at Ford Field. A storm of public protest broke out, and Mr. Feliciano generally was roundly criticized for desecrating a national treasure.

America apparently has changed since the days of Jose Feliciano, and most folks probably embrace Aretha Franklin's powerful Super Bowl rendition.

I'm still a holdout for tradition, but at least Ms. Franklin's treatment was much, much better than the opening sentences as presented by Aaron Neville. That was truly awful.

As for the half time show provided by the Rolling Stones:

To me, the Stones, who have been performing since 1962, are retirement age has-beens, long past their prime, but still strutting around the stage trying to pass themselves off as sex symbols. They should have been home in bed ... alone.

In person, we were told, they sounded better than they did on TV. I couldn't understand a thing they were singing, which is probably just as well considering my age and my tolerance level. One is high and getting higher, and the other is low and getting lower.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Efforts to beat consumer fraud

Sheriff Wakefield of Crawford County is supportive of efforts by the Attorney General's office to beat consumer fraud. The Attorney General has recently released "Ten Tips for Beating Consumer Fraud in Michigan," an educational brochure that provides answers to questions from the consumer protection hotline.

One of the Attorney General's tips for beating consumer fraud is to pay attention at the check-out. State law requires that most items on store shelves be clearly marked with a price tag.

The Item Pricing Bill of Rights guarantees Michigan citizens that if an automatic checkout system or scanner charges you more than the marked price of an item and 1) the transaction has

been completed and 2) you have a receipt indicating the item purchased and the price charged for it, then you must notify the seller that you were overcharged within 30 days of the transaction, either in person or in writing.

Within two days of receiving the notice, the seller may choose to refund you the difference between the amount charged and the price marked plus a bonus of ten times the difference (up to \$5).

For more information, Sheriff Wakefield directs citizens to contact the Attorney General's toll free hotline at 877-765-8388 with additional questions and to request the dollar-bill-sized Item Pricing Bill of Rights card.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be

considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Take it or leave it

To the editor,

My letter is in response to Mr. Feldhauser's letter in last week's Avalanche. I agree completely, as a person who has been here since 1996 I have seen no growth in this community, and Grayling has given its residents an option of take it or leave it.

For a lot of items we have but one place to get them, and can never actually go shopping at just one store, you have to go to several places to get everything on your list. Which leads to higher prices due to a lack of competitors.

Employment is another issue, the average household income in Grayling is \$24,250 annually! That means roughly \$12,000 per person, in a two income household, \$24,000 alone is barely over poverty.

As for travelers heading north, try getting off at Grayling for a meal, and try getting back on I-75 north, and you get to enjoy the gauntlet maze of terrible roads through our downtown area with the run down old buildings with for rent, or

sale signs in them, until you eventually stumble into I-75 north. Sort of like an old Twilight Zone movie.

Keep bringing in all the qualified persons you want, but if you don't give them the tools or resources to improve Grayling then what good was accomplished? Do we deserve better? Do our kids deserve better? I think so.

Times have changed since the 50's and they continue to change, like it or not. Everything in life boils down to the simplest of reactions to change, and that is survival.

In closing, we have choice, the choice to go where we want, and shop where we want, if you don't like shopping here, go elsewhere, you don't like living here, move. Choice is a wonderful thing, I shop elsewhere most of the time, and moving is a likely future for me.

Like I said, choice is a wonderful thing! Oh Mr. Feldhauser, you forgot to mention bars, we certainly got our fair share of those!

Michael C. Scott
Grayling

You have a choice on where to go for personal care

To the editor,

While recently reading the February 2, 2006 issue of the Avalanche, I came across an article regarding Medicare coverage for outpatient rehabilitation services and found this to be misleading and inaccurate. Kourtney Cingano, Director of Mercy Rehab Services, was quoted as saying "unless you go to a hospital-affiliated physical rehab department after the first \$1740 per patient, per year, the patient will be required to pay for all additional services." My wife works for an excellent out patient therapy practice and I know that this is simply not true.

President Bush has recently signed into law a bill allowing Medicare beneficiaries to receive benefits for therapy beyond the \$1740 cap if medically necessary. Also, many secondary insurances cover therapy when Medicare denies payment. The article implies that if a patient does not go to a hospital affiliated outpatient clinic they may be at risk for charges that exceed the limit unknowingly. Again,

this is not true. Private practices cannot bill a Medicare patient for services rendered without informing the patient first and attaining their signature. There are no surprises.

What happened to patients choosing a facility for its quality care? It was irresponsible to print this article as accurate news without investigation and caused unnecessary concern for many Medicare beneficiaries in our local area. I have also learned that this was an article prepared by the hospital PR department and distributed to local papers as news.

I would urge any person in need of physical therapy to visit clinics in your area and speak with the therapists about your needs. Remember when a physician hands you a prescription for treatment, you in fact have a choice on where you go for your personal care. The best choice may be in your own hometown.

Doug Catrell
Roscommon

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Why are we paving Pere Cheney Road?

To the editor:

Why is North Down River Road not being paved in 2006 as scheduled? Why are we paving Pere Cheney Road? Pere Cheney Road gets maybe 100 cars a week and North Down River gets 100 cars per hour.

I understand a type of meeting was held, to get a few people to take on this change, and I understand almost all was not in favor of this change. They were told

after the meeting it didn't matter what they thought, Pere Cheney Road was being paved anyways. This sounds like a DNR type of meeting. I'll bet less than 10 percent of Crawford County residents even know that Pere Cheney Road exists.

What could be the reason for this change?

Gary Worden
Frederic

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BRIEFS

Consumer Fraud series to be held

The senior center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the fourth in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud. Officer Coe from the Grayling Police Department will be presenting, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "Investment Fraud," with information on how investment scams happen, how to spot them, and what to do if you've been a victim of a scam. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Straits Area Ostomy Association

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m., at the Northern Michigan Hospital, back Doctor's dining room in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are cordially invited. Please call 989-821-5721 for further information.

Relay for Life leader meeting to be held

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, that will be held in August, will hold a team leader meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., in the conference room at the Grayling City Hall. All team leaders who have already created a team as well as all future team leaders are invited to attend. Call Clairene Jorella for more information at 344-7654 or 390-2106.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP, food distribution will be held on Feb. 21 at the American Legion from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3736 and other volunteers. Bring your bridge card, medicaid card or proof of income. Please bring someone to help you carry your orders. The VFW is also saving Campbell Soup labels. For more information call Bonnie Poll at 348-2139.

River House to sponsor support group

River House is sponsoring a 12 week support group for female survivors of sexual violence starting on March 7, in Grayling. If you are interested, contact Maria at 989-348-3169 or 888-554-3169.

GPA presents "In Search of Shangri-La"

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series' 33rd season of Travel and Adventure will present "In Search of Shangri-La," on Feb. 16, at the Rialto Theatre. Narrated, in person, by world traveler Buddy Hatton, the show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Flowers By Josie, or at the door. For more information call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Youth baseball clinic to be held at GHS

The Grayling High School baseball program will conduct a hitting, fielding, and pitching clinic for boys and girls ages 9-14 at the GHS gym on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee to participate is \$20. Lunch will be provided.

Participants should bring a glove and wear practice clothing.

Registration forms are available at Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School. You can also register at Sylvester's.

For more information, contact John Schneider at 348-4366.

Whitetails Unlimited banquet scheduled in Grayling

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Roscommon/Crawford Area Whitetails Unlimited Banquet on Friday, March 10, at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds will go toward Roscommon/Crawford Hunter Safety.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults, or \$25 for juniors 15 & under. There is a March 4 deadline for tickets, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

To order tickets call Luke

Helsel at 989-275-7850, or WTU National Headquarters at 800-274-5741, or go online at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. is a national, nonprofit, conservation organization, with members in all 50 states that strongly believes in working with its local chapters in addressing local, state and national issues involving whitetail deer and their habitat. Unique among conservation organizations,

Whitetails Unlimited returns 50 percent of net event proceeds to the local chapter to use on local conservation projects. For more information on Whitetails Unlimited please visit our website at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

Department of State offices to close for Presidents Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that all offices, including the Office of the Great Seal, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's licenses or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing by mail or, if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to

follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLUS offices and Super! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with SUPER! Centers also providing Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Local missionary to speak in Grayling

Missionary Lois Hager will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Resurrection Life Fellowship in Grayling on Sunday, Feb. 19. Hager will give a word of encouragement from the Bible and also share about her work in Japan, where she served for nearly 15 years. A luncheon and the annual church meeting will follow the service.

Hager is presently serving in Narita, Japan, about 60 miles north of Tokyo with a group called "Youth with a Mission," known as YWAM (why-wham).

Hager grew up in the Houghton Lake area, graduating from Houghton Lake High School in 1981. After earning her degree at Michigan State and working a few years around Houghton Lake, she began making preparations for the mission

field in 1988 by attending The Institute of Frontier Missions, a YWAM training school for church planters. She joined the YWAM church planting team in Narita in April of 1990, and became a team leader and church pastor in 1996. The church, called "Narita International Christian Fellowship" has a weekly attendance of 10 to 15 people.

Resurrection Life Fellowship is located in the Milltown Center Building, at the corner of M-72 East and the I-75 Business Loop. Sunday school and nursery are provided and all are welcome to stay for the luncheon and annual meeting following.

For more information, assistance or directions, call Pastor Bud Mann or Associate Pastor Dick Duprey at 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722.

Crawford County Housing Commission looking for landlords

The COOR (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon) Continuum of Care recently received a grant, Transitional Supportive Housing Lease Assistance Program (TSHLAP). One goal of the program is to assist homeless individuals and families with their housing needs, eventually getting them to independent living. In order for this program to succeed, we need landlords willing to participate. The grant will pay approximately 70 percent of the tenant's rent for up to 24 months. The tenant is responsible for the remainder of the rent.

The housing commissions are looking for landlords in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties willing to rent homes to their clients. The home will have to meet HUD's (Housing and Urban Development) HQS (Housing

Quality Standard) to qualify.

All interested landlords are invited to attend a presentation to learn more about the program on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., at the Roscommon County Commissioners Board Room. Information regarding the program, *Tenants and Landlords: A Practical Guide*, and HQS standards will be available at the meeting.

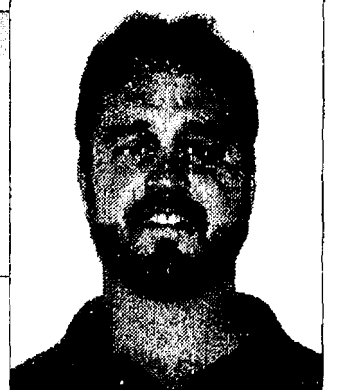
The presentation is sponsored by the housing directors in Crawford, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties. To assure that there is enough materials available, please RSVP to any one of the offices. For further information, questions, or to RSVP, you may contact Crawford County Housing Commission at 348-3513, Roscommon County Housing Commission at 275-8306, or Oscoda County Housing Commission at 826-1167.

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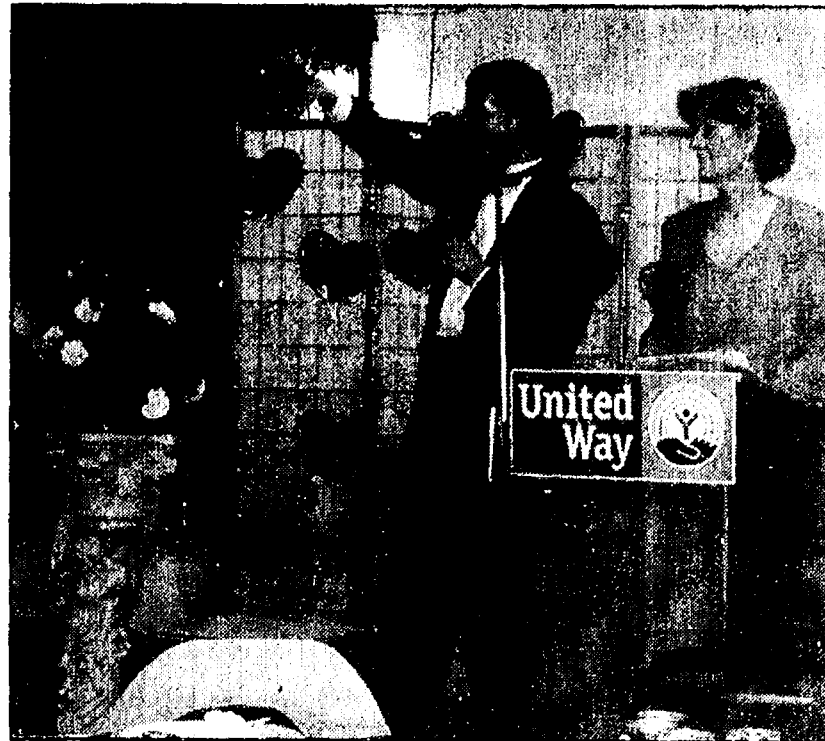
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CARE NIGHT



Photos by Linda Golnick

A good time was had by all who attended the Crawford County United Way's annual Care Night held at the Grayling Eagles Club on Saturday. Above left, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who serves on the Crawford County United Way's Board of Directors, donned a tuxedo as he sold raffle tickets at the event along with Fred Fisher, another United Way board member. Above, Stephanie Reimer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, and her husband Michael Matuzak, a visiting judge, served to be the auctioneers for Care Night's live auction. Left, Amaris Blair carries a bouquet of roses that was auctioned off at Care Night. The Crawford County United Way raised about \$10,000 at Care Night, helping the organization reach the 80 percent mark towards its goal of raising \$70,000 for the 2006 fund raising campaign.



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City applies for industrial park expansion funds

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are leveraging jobs being added in the community to help pay for infrastructure improvements.

The city is applying for a \$799,855 Community Development Block grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water and sewer extensions and road improvements in the Grayling Industrial Park. The city is providing a \$88,932 match for the grant.

The grant application is in connection with 50 jobs being added at Springs Wood Products.

Spring Wood Products currently has a workforce of 100 employees.

Employees at the Grayling plant process and dry basswood harvested from forests in northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, which is used to manufacture wooden shades, blinds and shutters for homes.

The blinds and shades, which are sold under the name brands Graber, Bali and Nanick, are available in major retail stores such as Home Depot, Lowes and Sears.

The plant is planning to invest \$500,000 for a building addition, and \$1.5 million to purchase four new kilns.

Formerly operated as Custom Forest Products, the plant was purchased by the Fort Mill, North Carolina based Springs Industries in September 2003.

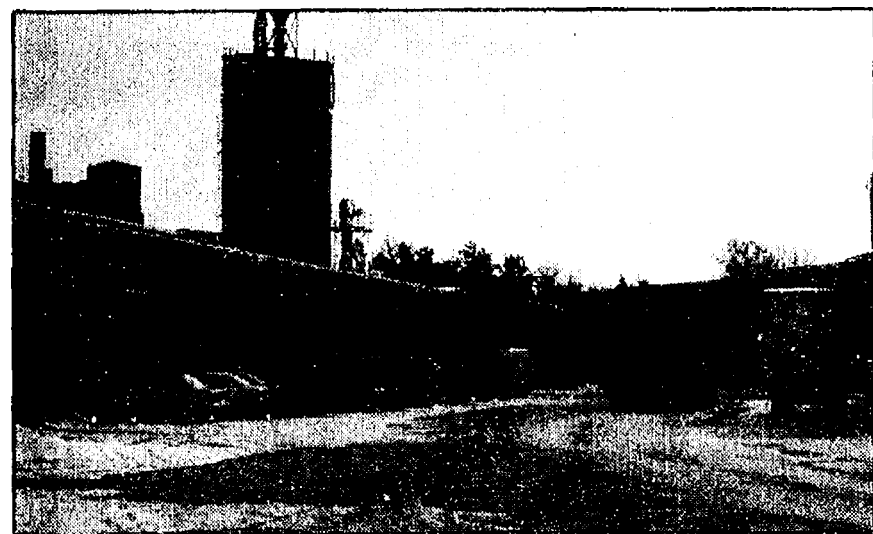


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Springs Wood Products is planning to invest \$500,000 for a building addition, and \$1.5 million to purchase four new kilns.

Man dies when sled collides with tree

A 56-year-old Montrose man was killed Monday when the snowmobile he was riding struck a tree.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies responded to a snowmobile accident that occurred at 8:33 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 on Newman Road north of Twin Peaks Road in Frederic Township.

Upon arrival, deputies found that a snowmobile had hit a tree and the driver, Daniel Ray Thorell was deceased.

Investigation revealed that Thorell was riding with two friends, when he fell behind and hit a tree. The friends noticed that Thorell's headlights were not behind them and returned to find the accident scene. CPR was initiated, but Thorell was pronounced deceased at the scene. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Deputies were assisted by the Frederic Township Fire Department, Frederic Township EMS, the Crawford County Medical Examiners Office and the Otsego County Sheriff's Department.



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Braces Basics

A teenager experiences many rites of passage: pimples, a first crush, a first kiss, a driver's license, the prom and braces. The last ordeal is perhaps the most dreaded.

While braces may be something no teen looks forward to, millions of smiles are enhanced by the work of braces. The job of these dental appliances is to apply pressure to teeth, which makes them stay in a certain spot, creating straighter teeth and a beautiful smile.

The American Association of Orthodontics recommends that every child get a checkup with an orthodontist by age 7. Some orthodontic problems are easier to correct if detected sooner rather than later, and early treatment can prevent more severe problems later in life. Without treatment, teeth problems can lead to tooth decay, gum disease, bone destruction, chew problems and digestive difficulties. A bad bite can contribute to speech impediments, tooth loss, chipped teeth and other dental injuries.

The length of time for a teenager to wear braces varies, but most teens wear them for two years. The time frame depends on the health of the teeth, gums and bones, the severity of the problem, and how closely the patient follows instructions (such as wearing a headgear or a retainer).

Today's braces are different from those of yesteryear. Brackets, the part of the braces that holds the wire, come in traditional metal as well as clear or tooth color. Sometimes, brackets can even be put on the back of the teeth to completely minimize the appearance of braces. Wires are smaller and more advanced than in the past, straightening teeth even faster.

Because they have a mouth full of wires, braces wearers need to be on top of their dental health. It's important to brush after meals, remove anything lodged in braces and avoid foods that can get stuck in braces like popcorn, gum and hard candy.

True, it's hard to get excited about having wire, rubber bands and other gadgets in your mouth. Braces are definitely not as fun as the prom. But you'll know they were worth any amount of pain they might have caused when you see the end result — a beautiful smile. And that's something that will stick with you longer than that dried-up corsage.



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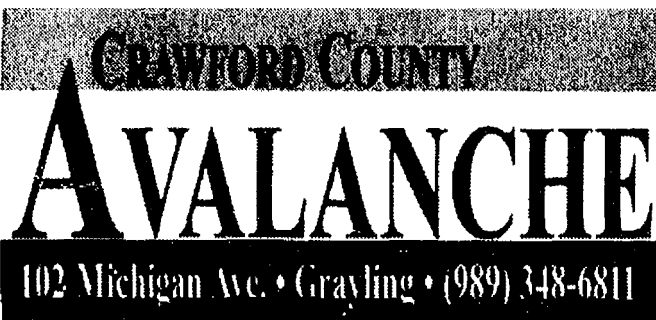
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GHS Band students receive 1st and 2nd division ratings in band festival

Several students of the Grayling High School Band participated at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 2 Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Harbor Springs High School.

Events are evaluated by an adjudicator and graded on the following concepts: tone (the sound quality produced by the instrument), intonation (how well the sounds of the instrument match pitch levels), rhythm (how accurate rhythmic figures are performed), technique (playing the correct notes and how each note is articulated), interpretation (how the style of music is interpreted, volume levels, tempo).

A first-division rating represents an excellent level of per-

formance and musicianship for the event being judged at that specific time. Of the five categories listed above, three concepts must have an "A" rating. Students earning this rating also are eligible to participate at the State MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday, March 25, at Central Michigan University. These students are: Summer E. Coe, Andy Currison, Elizabeth Dandy (French Horn Trio); Austin B. Andrus, Fawn A. Filley (Marimba Duet); Amanda VanNuck (Flute Solo); Brianna Farrell (Oboe Solo); Julie Teal (Flute Solo); Christopher Wells (Trombone Solo); Leigha Stevens (Baritone Solo); Kilah G. Vanderstelt (Trumpet Solo).

Second-division ratings represent a good performance, but not worthy of the highest rating

, because of minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation. Shows much accomplishment and promise on their prepared work. Students earning a second-division rating include the following: Amanda Van Nuck, Brianna Farrell (Flute/Oboe Duet); Andria Howe, Lacey Hollingsworth (Flute/Clarinet Duet); Sondra Fleeman, Marie Miller (Clarinet Duet); Katelynn Cordero (Alto Saxophone Solo); Lacey Hollingsworth (Clarinet Solo); John Ventline (Alto Saxophone Solo); Stephani Howe (Clarinet Solo); Austin Andrus (Marimba Solo).

GHS band directors are Matthew Bishop and Matthew Reed. The piano accompanist for the high school band is June Karjalainen of Roscommon.



Students of GHS Solo and Ensemble events are: (front row) Brianna Farrell (oboe), Julie Teal (flute), Lacey Hollingsworth (clarinet), Stephani Howe (clarinet), Katelynn Cordero (alto saxophone), Kilah Vanderstelt (trumpet), Fawn Filley (marimba); (middle row) Austin Andrus (marimba), Andria Howe (flute), Arieal Lynch (oboe), Summer Coe (french horn), Sarah Miller (flute), Marie Miller (clarinet), Sondra Fleeman (clarinet); (back row) John Ventline (alto saxophone), Amanda VanNuck (flute), Elizabeth Dandy (french horn), Andrew Currison (french horn), Leigha Stevens (baritone), and Christopher Wells (trombone).

HONORS

Siena Heights University recently announced Stephen L. Eddy, of Grayling, to its dean's and academic achievement lists for the fall semester.

To make the lists, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0. The dean's list is for

full-time students with at least 12 credit hours, and the academic achievement list is for part-time student with at least six and no more than 11 credit hours.

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Kirtland to present 'Escanaba in da Moonlight'

Cast of local talent
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The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College announced that a cast has been selected for its upcoming production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight."

This play will feature Jerry Werle, of Roscommon, as Albert Soady; John Bawol, of St. Helen, as Reuben Soady; William Campbell, of Prudenville, as Remnar Soady; Joshua Jurgess, of Harbor Beach, as Jimmer

Negamancee; James Dunaj, of Houghton Lake, as Ranger Tom T. Treado; and Michelle Perrow, of West Branch, as Wolf Moon Dance Soady.

Stage manager for the production is Kevin Chrispell of Merritt, and Keith Perrow of West Branch will direct.

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" was written by Michigan native Jeff Daniels and premiered at the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea in October 1995. The play was later made into a movie by Daniels and the play has since been produced several times around the state.

The action of the play takes place in the Soady family deer camp, located somewhere deep in the woods north of Escanaba in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" is scheduled to be performed at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse on Friday and Saturday, March 24-25. It is tentatively planned that both performances will be dinner theater productions, with a cash bar beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the play starting about 7 p.m.

For more information call 989-275-6777.



The cast of Kirtland's upcoming production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight" includes (front, L. to R.) John Bawol, Jerry Werle, William Campbell, (back, L. to R.) Michelle Perrow, James Dunaj and Joshua Jurgess.



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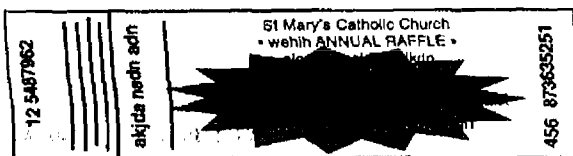
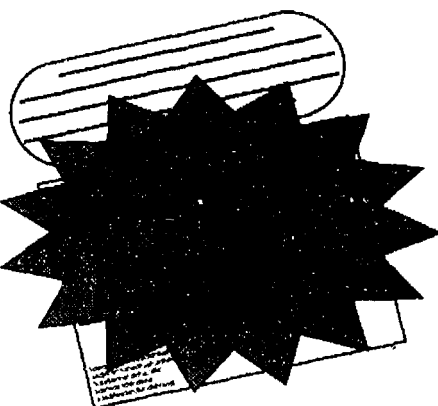
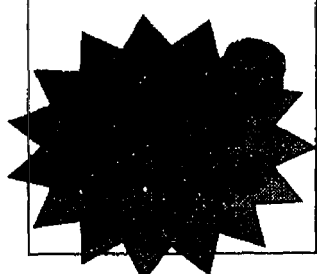
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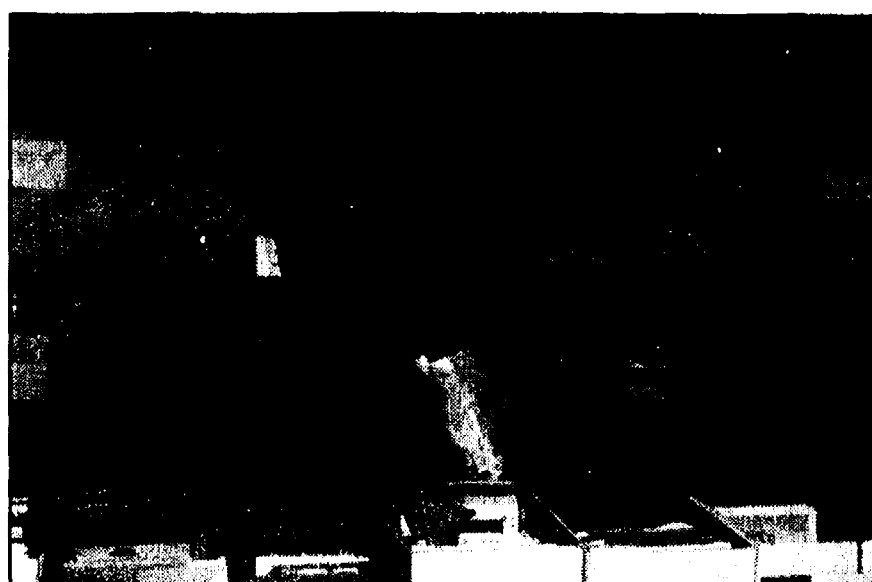
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The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries held a Cabin Fever Used Book Sale at the Devereaux Memorial Library last weekend in effort to get people out of their homes by selling books to raise funds to support library programs. Above left, Jon Schultz browses through the selection of books. Above right, Dale Clyma, president for the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries, presents a book lovers basket to Krys Lobsinger, who won the prize through a raffle held in conjunction with the book sale.

Snowmobile tour postponed until 2007

A legislative snowmobile tour scheduled to begin in early January has been postponed until next winter due to the demands of legislative session and an uncertain weather outlook for the remainder of the season.

State Senators Jason Allen and Tony Stamas were planning to head out on the third "Snowmobile the North" tour in early January, but unfortunately, unseasonably warm temperatures combined with substantial rainfall melted a great deal of snow, created impassable snowmobile trails. An aggressive legislative agenda for this spring will prevent the trip from being rescheduled.

"I am sorely disappointed," said Allen, R-Traverse City. "After a great start, winter tourism has really taken a hit this

year with the rain and above normal temperatures. Though we may have had some snow recently, it is still too early to tell if it will stay on the trail which makes planning even an abbreviated weekend ride very difficult. Now with the legislative focus on job creation and the start of budget hearings, we are at a point where schedules constantly conflict, forcing us to postpone until next year."

The tour was scheduled to begin and end in Grayling and would have traveled both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

"The warm weather hit at an extremely unfortunate time," said Stamas, R-Midland. "Businesses all across northern Michigan rely heavily on the dollars spent by snowmobile enthusiasts. I was

really looking forward to taking this trip and highlighting just how important winter recreation is in Michigan."

Planned stops for the tour included Gaylord, Lewiston, Atlanta, Onaway, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, Cedarville, Pickford, Kinross, Sault Ste. Marie, Paradise, Alanson, and Indian River.

"I am definitely disappointed that we had to put off the trek until 2007," said Bill Manson, executive director of the Michigan Snowmobile Association. "With Michigan's winter tourism industry taking such a large hit right now, we were really hoping to use the ride to highlight, educate and remind folks on the importance of winter tourism, the excitement of snow-

mobiling, and to get out and enjoy it because the winter season isn't over yet."

Michigan has more than 6,000 miles of groomed trails offering exciting terrain of forest and field to both residents and visitors. With almost 400,000 registered snowmobiles, contributing more than \$1 billion to the state's economy every year, safe and responsible driving is essential for every enthusiast on a sled.

"We still want to do what we can as legislators to highlight the importance of winter tourism to Michigan," Allen said. "With the shape of Michigan's economy, we really needed a good winter tourism season. With a little luck and some assistance from Mother Nature, we may be able to salvage what is left of the season."

Kirtland student-athletes learning on and off the court

When Teresa Stuck, the new athletic director and second-year women's basketball coach at Kirtland Community College, handed out the new academic policy for the college's athletes a few months ago, she was hopeful. The guidelines she outlined were strict and there were no gray areas to be argued over: student-athletes would study and maintain their grades, period.

Now that the Firebirds basketball teams are nearing the end of their season, Stuck is no longer hopeful — she's jubilant.

"The men's team had an overall 2.9 GPA for the fall semester, and the women had a 3.02," Stuck said with a big smile. GPAs — or grade-point averages — are based on a 0-4 scale, with all As equating a 4.0.

Shekira Knowles, a freshman who came to Kirtland from

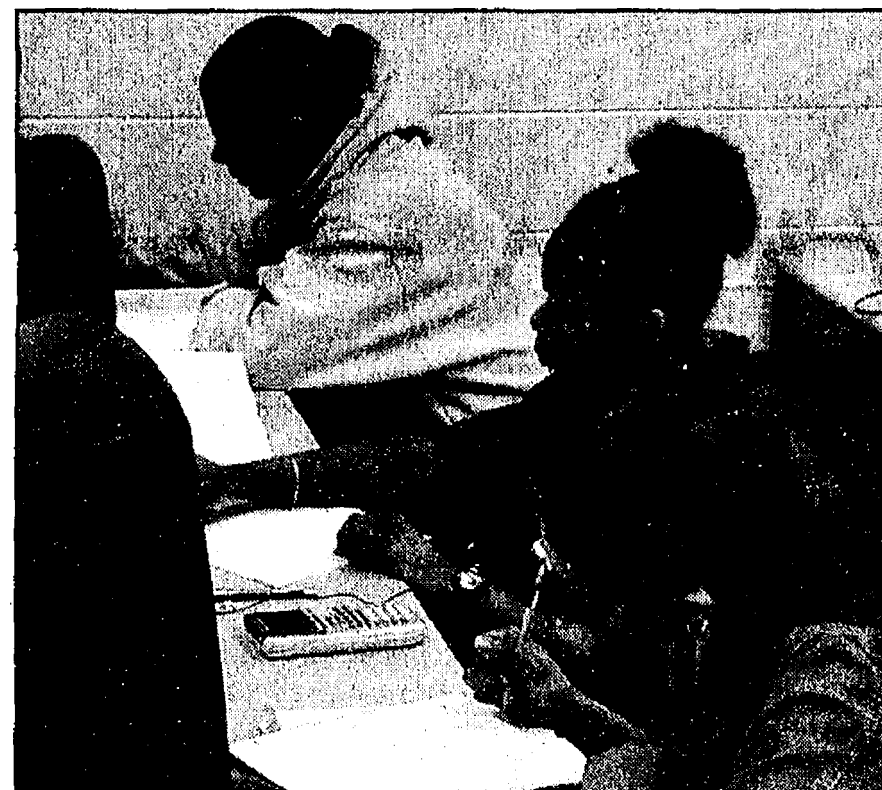
Nassau in the Bahamas, posted the only 4.0 GPA of the athletes, but others were within range.

Stuck feels her academic policy, which mandates a specific number of study hours based on the student's most recent grades, is playing a part in the success of her athletes.

"It's become a love-hate kind of thing," she said of how the players have embraced the policy. "They took to it pretty well and formed a good attitude about it, and the results were certainly good."

She said some of the athletes have stated they wished she had implemented the policy sooner, getting them to move more quickly on the road toward Academic All-American and Team-of-the-Year recognition.

About future honors — Stuck is hopeful.



Shown studying during one of their daily study sessions are student-athletes (front to back) Onica Jones, of Rochester, N.Y., Evalyn Bain of Nassau, Bahamas, and Chelsey Williams, of Houghton Lake.

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The staff and students at the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary schools opened their doors for their parents and the community last week for the Academic Extravaganza. A spaghetti dinner was served to families and Grayling Elementary students performed a play produced by the Acting Up Theater. Students also showed what they have been doing in class as they learn about science, social studies, math and language arts. Above, Daniel Quisler, 8, a third grader, demonstrates a compound machine that he built as it catapults a marble while his brother, Benjamin Quisler, 6, an AuSable Primary kindergartner, holds a box to catch the object.

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honor, respect and devotion to duty and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Ross will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Ross, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

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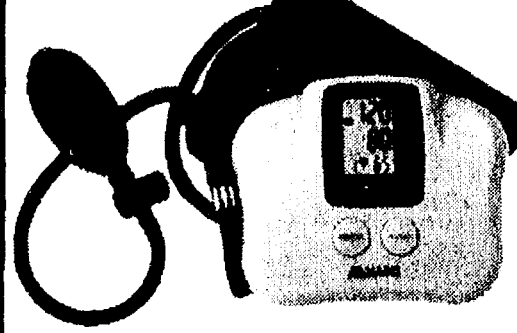
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Birdwatchers enjoy Mercy Manor's Aviary

The long-term care facility's entrance contains beautiful enclosure

There's a song and maybe even a dance waiting at the entrance of Mercy Manor every day.

A dozen colorful songbirds greet visitors and residents in a large, glass hutch-type enclosure called an aviary at the long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Cheryl Kiessel, activity director, said the aviary adds life and entertainment to the facility.

"Since the aviary made its appearance, the visiting area has not been empty for long," she said. "Most of the day you will find residents, family members, and even the staff out there watching the birds."

Residents seem to most appreciate watching the birds fly around the space. "That is the reason for the aviary. To bring life back into the facility and into the lives of our residents," Kiessel said. "Watching the birds fly around, making their nests and just acting like birds in the wild has brought so much pleasure to the residents."

The facility purchased the



Colorful songbirds add life and entertainment at the long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

aviary from a South Dakota firm and presently 12 birds call it home. Canaries, Blue Cap Waxbills, Orange Cheek Waxbills, Society Finches, Zebra Finches and Diamond Doves provide the variety of color and songs. "Many of the birds will reproduce," Kiessel said. "This

will allow for the residents to watch the whole baby experience happen."

Mercy Manor Director Glenda Jacobs said she appreciates her staff's support for the fund-raising efforts that allowed the aviary to be purchased. "We also need to thank our fellow employees

throughout the Mercy system and the people of our community for participating in our fund-raisers. Without the dedication of the staff and the support in the community, we couldn't do these things," she said. "We would like everyone to stop in and see our latest addition."

Mercy Hospice volunteer training scheduled

Mercy Hospice's program is growing and they are in need of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of

families in the Mercy Hospice service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Gladwin, Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are currently needed in all counties.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, fund-raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service. Volunteers are especially needed for office support, computer support and respite care for families.

Mercy Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses. Mercy Hospice is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other

insurances.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Hospice. Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for nine years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

Mercy Hospice will be holding

Hospice Volunteer Trainings Feb. 22 - 23, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Mercy Hospice Office, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A (behind Huntington Bank off I-75 Business Loop), Grayling.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"It takes a special person to be a Hospice volunteer," said Haag.

If you would like to register for training or for more information, please contact Sherry at 989-348-0039 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Fri, or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non-business hours.

Training can be provided in your area.

BIRTHS

Valarie and Rene Mertes, of Frederic, announce the arrival of their daughter, **Tori Ann**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 2:20 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Rose Marie Pelka and Christopher Michael Hughes of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, **Adrian Allen**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 25, 2006, at 4:37 p.m., weighing 7lbs. 3 ozs., and measuring 19

1/2 inches in length.

Lisa Marie and Aaron Robert Vineyard, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, **Isabelle Marie**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 25, 2006, at 11:53 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Allison and Stephan Moon Jr., of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, **Tyler Jordan**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 1:21 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Leah Deardorff and Richard Uselman, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a daughter, **Sierra**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 5:35 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Nicole Battle of Gaylord, announces the birth of a son, **Blake Jackson**, born at Mercy Hospital on January 29, 2006, at 12:44 p.m., weighing 9 lbs. 11 ozs., and measuring 22 inches in length.

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Wedding Etiquette for Second-Time Brides

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Actually, no rules are set in stone. It is up to the couple to plan a ceremony and reception that fits their needs and comfort levels. While some couples choose to elope or have a very intimate affair, others treat themselves to an elaborate affair, even inviting their children to participate in the ceremony.

Here are some tips to guide you if you are having difficulty deciding on the wedding that is right for you:

- When it comes to the ceremony, the choice is yours. Consider your religious affiliations, personalities, finances and family customs, and plan accordingly. Whether you choose a small service or a lavish affair, all is acceptable.

- Wardrobes can be as varied as the ceremony and party. In the past, white gowns signified purity and virginity — not anymore. If you want to wear white, go for it. However, many encore brides choose to wear colored gowns or even a pantsuit in lieu of a gown. Guys can be formal in a tuxedo or casual in a dinner jacket and slacks.

- A second-time bride may choose to be "given away" by a father, brother or friend. It is perfectly acceptable for her to walk down the aisle solo.

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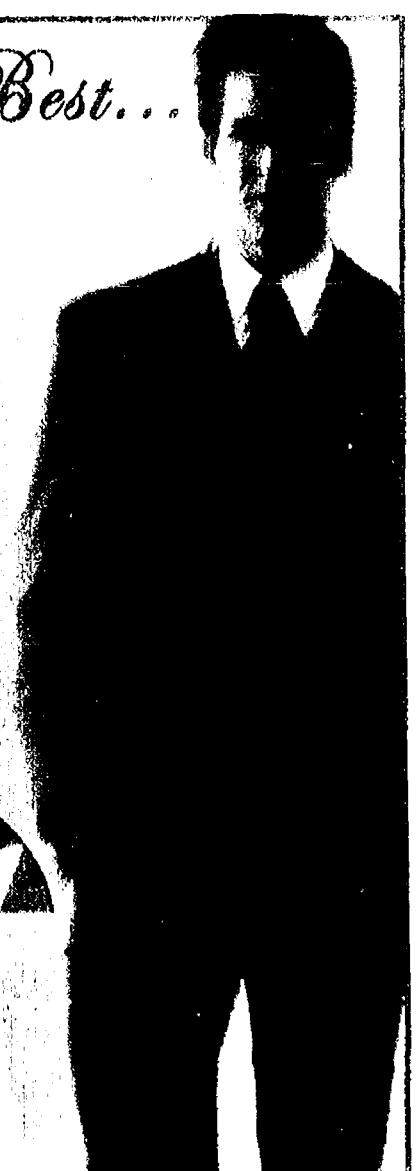
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Despite the cold and snow of winter, the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee is already preparing for the first paddlers to hit the river on Saturday, July 29.

Marathon Committee welcomes new chairman

With several months to go until the paddlers actually hit the river, plans are already in motion for the 59th annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

At its December meeting, the Marathon Committee welcomed David Sabin as its new chairman. A long-time Grayling resident and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County, Sabin is quite familiar with the Marathon's efforts, as well as other area special events. In the early 90s, he was a founding

force behind the establishment of Grayling's Winter Wolf Challenge, a competition combining the challenges of canoeing, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Sabin states that his goals for this canoe marathon are to make the Marathon and the events surrounding the Marathon run more smoothly and be broader in scope. "My family, along with many other local families, are proud to now have, and have had in the past, family members participate both as paddlers and support persons. The excitement and pride that this community has experienced in the past 58 years is something I want to help continue."

He goes on to say that "the Marathon is unique and although it may be copied, it can't be equaled. As with any organization, the committee will strive to continue with the parts of the event that are working, but retool the parts that aren't working, and even try out some new ideas."

One part of the Marathon that is already being revised is the Annual Marathon Raffle. While the top prize of \$1,000 will remain, a second and third prize are being added to provide better odds of winning. This year, the fundraising committee is seeking new avenues of ticket sales, as

well as beginning ticket sales earlier in the summer.

Another facet of the Marathon activities that will have a facelift is the Annual Paddlers Dinner, held the Thursday prior to the race. Working with Dean Smith, Manager of the Grayling Holiday Inn, and his banquet staff, a new menu is being developed for the evening. The format for the evening's event is being adjusted, along with the addition of a drawing that will be held that evening, with lucky tickets drawn choosing two people to be the official starters of the Marathon race.

The Marathon committee is currently in need of volunteers to help out in the planning and execution of this annual event. While most people only see the race for what takes place beginning at 9 p.m. on the night of the race, many are amazed at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes leading up to and through the event. Continuing from now until the starting pistol fires, the Canoe Marathon Committee will meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Race office located in the Grayling Mall. If anyone is interested in volunteering, join the committee at the meetings, or contact Dave Sabin at (989) 348-5588.

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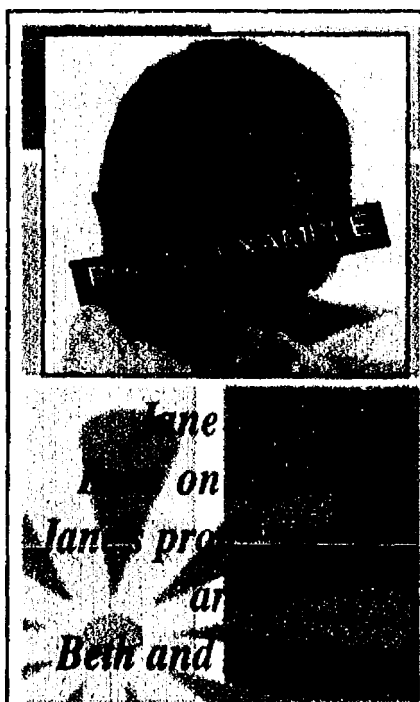
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Taking the oath



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Kim Millikin took the oath of office as a Grayling City Councilwoman on Tuesday from Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier. Millikin was appointed to the city council on Monday. She replaces Joe Ferrigan, who served as the city's mayor for two years, who resigned in November in order to devote more time coaching the Grayling High School wrestling team.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 12 of \$25 each: Kenny MacKinnon (2), Denis Campbell, and Frank Lavin.

Wrestling team wins Lake Michigan Conference title

Grayling posts 12-0 record in league play in 2005-06

■ Twelve Vikings place in the top three at LMC Individual Championship meet

The Grayling High School wrestling team recently clinched a league championship in the Lake Michigan Conference and had 12 of its members finish in the top three at the LMC Individual Championship meet. Four Vikings placed 1st in their weight class.

This season was the Lake Michigan Conference's first with wrestling as an official league sport. Five LMC teams – Grayling, Kalkaska, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, and Traverse City St. Francis – competed in league play this year. Grayling won the Lake Michigan Conference title with a 12-0 league record.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Vikings competed in the Lake Michigan Conference Individual Championship meet at Kalkaska. Twelve of Grayling's 13 starters placed in the top three in their weight class.

Eric Goscicki (119), Cody Malone (140), Jacob Reynolds (171), and Joey Ferrigan (215) all finished in 1st place. Seven Vikings placed 2nd – Steve Grove (125), Cody Collen (130), Shane Grove (135), Jeff

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Photo by Caleb Casey

The Grayling High School wrestling team recently finished its Lake Michigan Conference schedule with a 12-0 record and a league championship.

Varsity squad wins at Gaylord 77-66 on Tuesday

■ Gaylord rallies after big first half by Grayling, but Vikings hold on to win by 11

The GHS varsity basketball team improved its overall record to 12-2 with a 77-66 non-conference victory at Gaylord High School on Tuesday night.

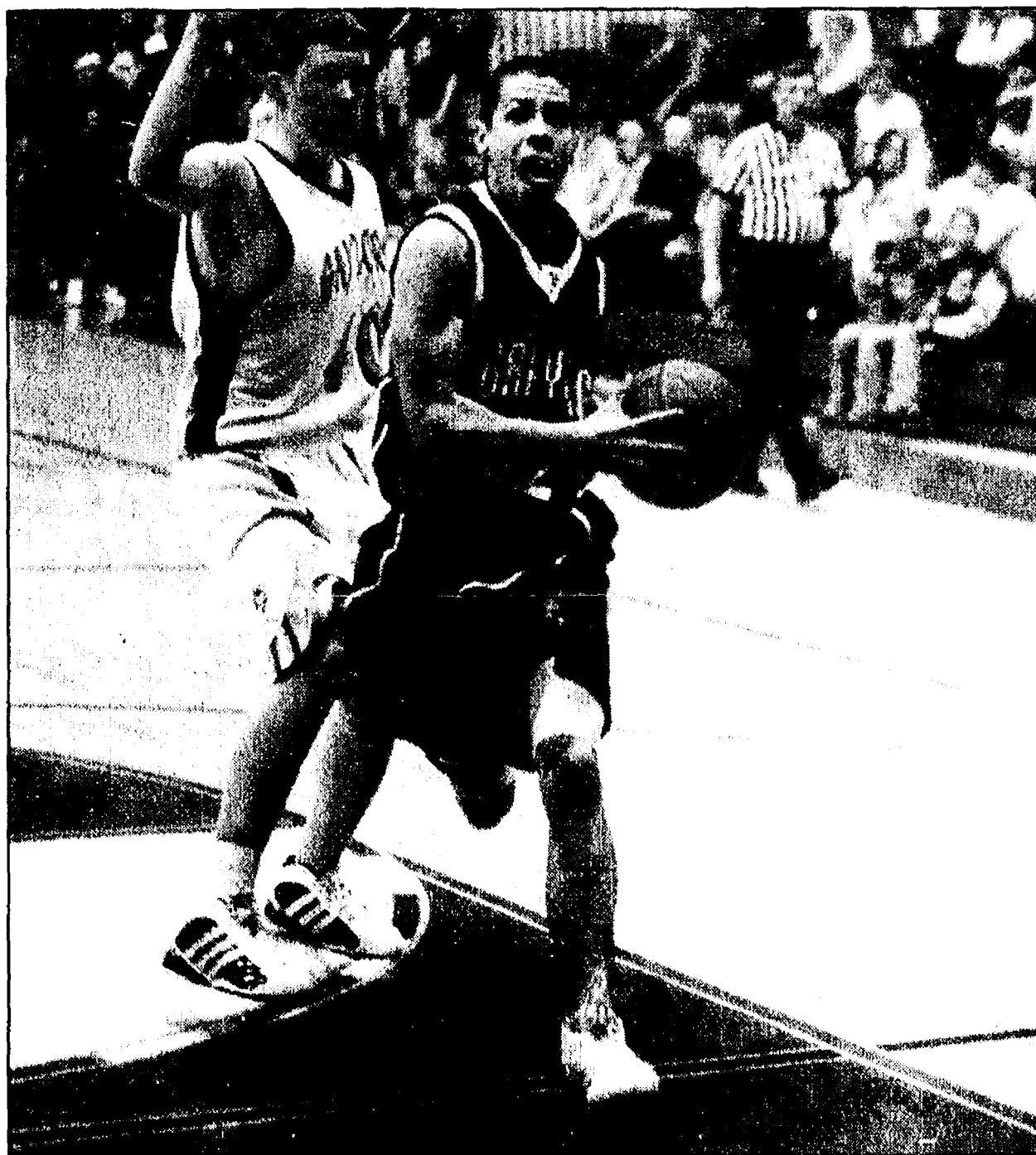
Grayling got off to a strong start and led 26-11 after one period. The Vikings had a 49-26 advantage at halftime.

Grayling rallied in the third quarter and cut Grayling's lead to 10, 59-49, going into the fourth period.

At the 3:35 mark, the Blue Devils of Gaylord hit a three-point shot to pull within five, 65-60. Two free throws by Bobby Starks put Grayling up by seven. A lay-up by Reagan Schmidt gave the Vikings a nine-point edge. Two free throws by Steve Hodge extended Grayling's lead to 11, 71-60, with 1:07 left in regulation.

A three-point play by Gaylord pulled the Blue Devils to within eight. A lay-up by Hodge gave the Vikings a 10-point lead. Gaylord hit a three-pointer to pull within seven with 34 seconds remaining in the contest.

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See "VARSITY SQUAD..."



Reagan Schmidt drives to the basket for the Vikings during Tuesday's game at Gaylord High School.

JV basketball team wins vs. East Jordan 69-46

■ Vikings post 89 defensive deflections and 39 steals in Friday night's victory

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad defeated the East Jordan Red Devils 69-46 at Grayling High School on Friday.

Grayling had a 13-5 lead after one period and led 28-19 at the half. The Vikings took a 48-30 lead into the fourth quarter and finished with a 23-point win, 69-

46. "The kids worked extremely hard all game. They set a team record with 85 deflections and 39 steals on defense. Normally, we average 45 deflections in a game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Geo (Bindschattel) and Richie (Schreiber) played an excellent all-around game. It was nice to see everyone score in the game."

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Matt McDonald shoots a free throw for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday night.

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John Mcaley (left) and Zach Wolcott (right) compete in the 2006 big air competition at Hanson Hills.



GRA hosts big air competition at Hanson Hills during Winter Fun Days

Several skiers and snowboarders participated in the annual big air competition at Grayling Recreation Authority's Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills on Saturday, Feb. 4.

A panel of judges scored each skier and snowboarder, and the winners of the event (by age division) are as follows:

12 & under (ski): 1st - Dan Bertalan, 2nd - Tyler Brigham;
13-15 (ski): 1st - Brady Coe, 2nd - Mike Davis, 3rd - Zach Wolcott;

13-15 (snowboard): 1st - Eric Ferrigan;

16-18 (ski): 1st - Shawn Hernandez, 2nd - Jordan Herrick;

16-18 (snowboard): 1st - Billy Weaver, 2nd - Doug Slater, 3rd - Justin Sheldon;

19 and over (ski): 1st - A.J. Brackenbury;

19 and over (snowboard): 1st - Ryan Messerschmidt.



Mike Davis soars through the air at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days festival's big air competition.

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Eric Ferrigan competes in the big air competition's snowboarding division.

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Women's Standings	Sawmill II
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Eric placed 1st in the 119-pound division at the Lake Michigan Conference Individual Championship meet and won both of his matches on Tuesday.

Cassie was selected for lingering around the top 10 in all of her races this week. Jimmy was chosen for making significant improvements in his slalom racing. "Jimmy's been training real hard in practice and is starting to get the results to match," his coach said.



Four Vikings earned individual medals for their placements at Friday's Bellaire Invitational (L to R): Andrew Hart (10th slalom), Katie Baynham (2nd giant slalom, 3rd slalom), Cassie Pizzi (5th giant slalom), and Jimmy Hilbrecht (9th slalom).

GHS skis in league meet, Bellaire Invitational

Girls team places 1st in giant slalom competition on Thursday at Bellaire

The GHS Vikings skied in two competitions last week – a Lake Michigan Conference meet on Thursday and the Bellaire Invitational on Friday.

On Thursday night, Grayling's boys team skied to a 6th place finish in the LMC meet. The Harbor Springs boys finished first.

Jimmy Hilbrecht and Andrew Hart led Grayling with 12th and 14th place finishes, respectively, in slalom.

"Both boys are skiing strong in slalom right now," Coach Brad Wagner said.

The GHS girls team skied to a 5th place finish on Thursday.

"Cassie Pizzi skied great all night and led our team in both events. Cassie finished 6th in slalom and 11th in GS. We also got to welcome back Katie Baynham. Katie's skiing on a torn ACL and finished 11th in slalom. She also gave us a little scare when she took a toss on her 1st run of GS, got up, hiked, and finished the run just fine, no big whup," Coach Wagner said.

On Friday the Vikings competed in the Bellaire Invitational at Schuss Mountain.

"This was our first look at some teams outside of our conference that we'll be skiing against at regionals," Coach Wagner said.

The boys skied to a 5th place finish at the Bellaire meet.

"We got some strong individual performances out of Jimmy Hilbrecht and Andrew Hart, both placing in the top 10 in slalom. Nathan Parens also skied real consistent all afternoon to help out the boys," Coach Wagner said.

"The girls team proved that they were competitive. We were in good shape after our first run of slalom with two girls in the top 10, but made some mistakes in the second run. Katie Baynham led our team in slalom with a third place finish," Coach Wagner said.

"The girls made up for any mistakes in slalom by winning the GS outright. Katie Baynham

and Cassie Pizzi both had great second runs. Katie wound up in 2nd place and Cassie took 5th overall. Erica Moggo and Hannah Smith also placed themselves in the top 20 to help out. Our girls are very competitive in our region – regionals should be a hoot," Coach Wagner said. "The girls proved to be pretty resilient. Katie Baynham is skiing with a torn ACL, Erica Moggo is skiing on a bad back, Hannah Smith has been battling illness for the last couple of weeks. These are tough girls."

The Vikings will ski at regionals on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Crystal Mountain.

Wrestling team wins Lake Michigan Conference title

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Bancroft (152), Eric Madill (160), James Walker (189), and Bill Stewart (heavyweight). Brian Hagerman (145) took 3rd in his weight division.

"It was impressive to have every member of our team except one wrestling in the finals," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "The finals was Grayling against everybody else. It was a good meet for us. It's good for the

young kids especially to get a victory like that at this stage."

The Vikings begin their post-season schedule this week with team districts.

"At the beginning of the season we set two goals. One was to win the conference championship. The second was to make it through districts as a team," Coach Ferrigan said. "They've stayed focused and paid attention to the whole plan. They've

bought into it, and the benefits are there for them."

The Vikings will host the team district event on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. The meet will be held at Grayling Middle School – not at the high school, as originally scheduled. Grayling will wrestle Roscommon first, and the winner will face Cheboygan or Houghton Lake for the District 167 title.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion 27 - 9
Woody Girls 23 - 13
Mickey Perez, CPA 22 - 14
Gr. Nursing Center 19 - 17
Hawk Ridge 17 - 19
Coldwell Banker 13 - 23
Days Inn 13 - 23
Glen's Market 10 - 26
High Series: M. Starks, 546; V. Balmes, 532; K. Moshier, 531.
High Game: V. Balmes, 212; M. Starks and K. Moshier, 193; S. Johnson, 188.

Senior Bowling

Spike's 57 - 35
Flowers By Josie 51.5 - 40.5
Kicking Grass 49 - 43
Grayling Pharmacy 46.5 - 45.5
Stitches By Sue 46 - 46
Bear's Den Pizza 42 - 50
Lone Pine 41 - 51
Sylvesters Sports 35 - 57

High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 466; H. Stairs, 454; M. Rysso, 426. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 167; M. Rysso, 166; C. Wyatt, 156. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 531; P. Faustman, 515; G. Wolfe, 512. High Game Men: K. Harris, 204; P. Faustman, 195; B. Hollis, 193.

Pioneer League

McDonald's 17 - 3
Grayling Rest 15 - 5

Thad Pooley Painting 13 - 7
Chemical Bank 12 - 8
Cal Dutton Const. 10 - 10
AJD Forest 9 - 11
Spicy Bob's 3 - 17
Tim's Collision 1 - 19
High Series: J. Coors, 494; J. Hatfield, 487; T. Rock, 486.
High Game: S. Johnson, 203; L. Rutter, 201; J. Hatfield, 186.

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM 22 - 14
American Legion 20 - 16
New "Kids" 19 - 17
Lucky & Laura's 18 - 18
Double Trouble 15 - 21
Moshier Auto Repair 14 - 22
High Series Men: D. Williamson, 581; J. Stampfly, 542; P. Benardo, 541. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 224; P. Benardo, 212; J. Stampfly, 201.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 513; P. Benardo, 510; K. Moshier, 504. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 212; K. Moshier, 196; P. Benardo, 192.

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Legion Lanes 28 - 21
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High Series: B. Hollis Sr., 629; J. Thayer, 607; A. Angove, 598.
High Game: A. Angove, 256; B. Hollis Sr., 248; D. Canfield Sr., 227.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE 32 - 10
Canfield's 29 - 13
Grayling Chiropractic 22 - 20
Derwich Ind 19 - 23
Fenton's Auto Serv. 19 - 23
Scheer Motors 18 - 24
GADCO 18 - 24
Moore's Auto 11 - 31
High Series: Lance Davis, 690; D. Canfield, 621; J. Arwood, 612. High Game: Lance Davis, 278; P. Benardo, 235; Lonnie Davis, 234.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Jerry's Jokers 29 - 13
Scott Pittman Bld. 26 - 16
Little Tyke Daycare 25 - 17
Weyerhaeuser 23 - 19
Dennco 14 - 28
Gray Rock Cafe 9 - 33

High Series Men: K. Slater, 559; T. Winchel, 555; B. Bonamie, 503. High Game Men: B. Bonamie, 194; T. Winchel, 193; L. Bresmon, 190. High Series Women: T. Reed, 435; M. Cole, 434; J. Harris, 429. High Game Women: T. Reed, 180; J. Harris, 164; E. Slater, 157.

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Eli VanNuck shoots from three-point range at Gaylord.



Mike Boylan takes a free throw shot for the Vikings on Tuesday.

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Varsity squad wins at Gaylord 77-66 on Tuesday

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Two free throws by Schmidt put the Vikings ahead by nine with 27 seconds left in the period. Eli VanNuck scored the last basket of the game on an assist from Hodge, and the Vikings won by a final score of 77-66.

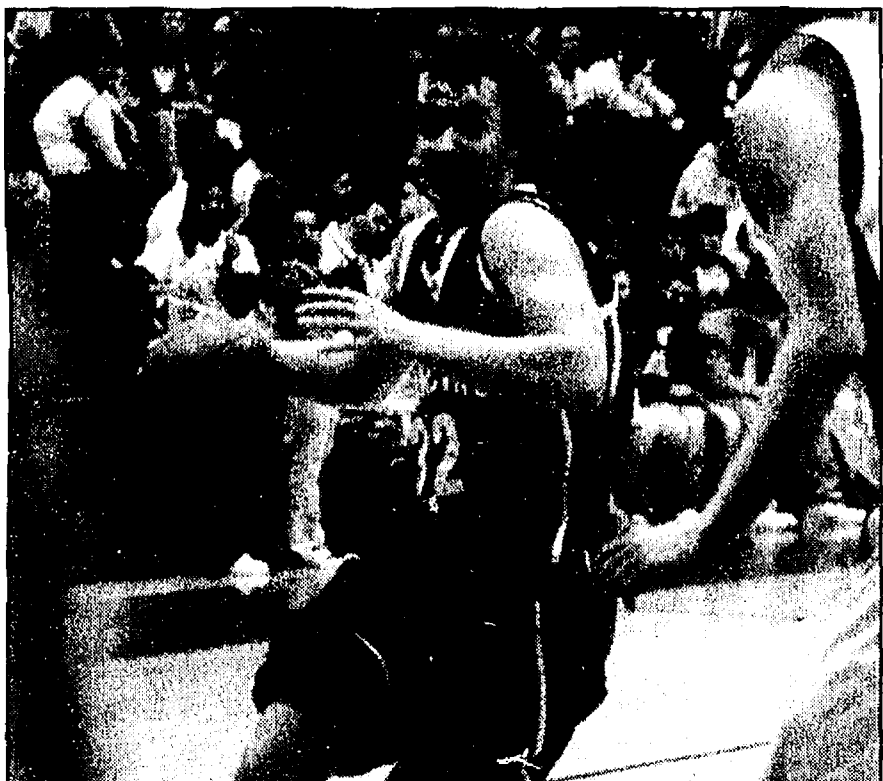
"I thought the first half was probably as well as we've played this year. The kids did a great job of moving the basketball and finding the open shooters, and we shot the ball well," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Down the stretch the kids showed a lot of character to finish strong."

The leading scorers for

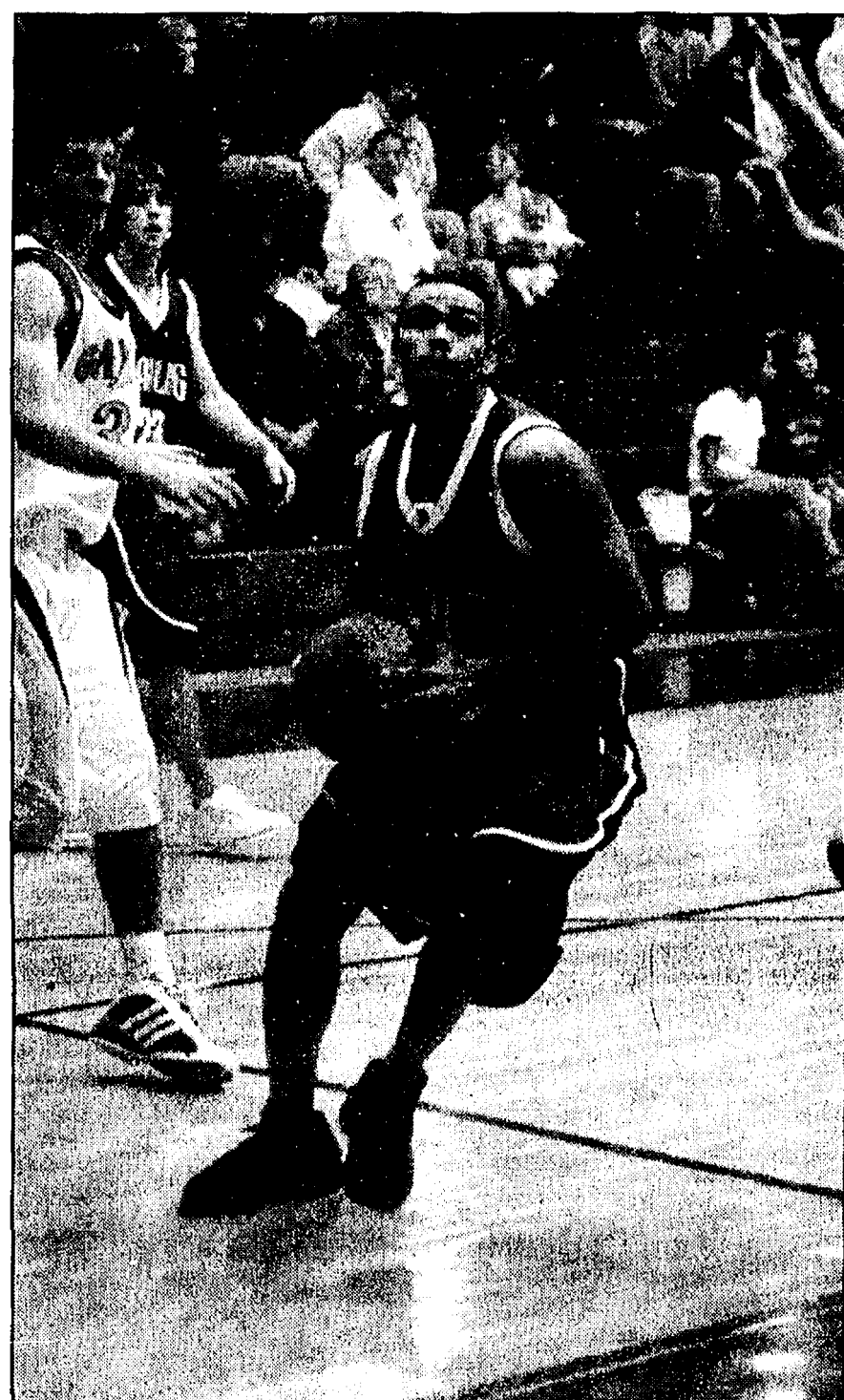
Grayling were Bobby Starks and Ryan Feldhauser with 17 and 16 points, respectively. VanNuck scored 15 points and Hodge finished with 11. Mike Boylan added 9 points. Schmidt, Zach Dean, and Ronnie Johnston also scored points for the Vikings.

Leading rebounders for Grayling were VanNuck (7), Starks (6), Boylan (5), and Feldhauser (4). Hodge had 4 assists and Starks had 3. Starks finished with 7 steals and VanNuck had 5 steals.

The Vikings host the Rams of Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 17.



Bobby Starks handles the ball for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Steve Hodge drives toward the basket for GHS in last week's game against the Blue Devils.

Vikings defeat East Jordan Red Devils 65-57 on Friday

Grayling improves its Lake Michigan Conference record to 7-2 with Friday's win

Grayling High School won last Friday's varsity boys basketball game vs. the visiting East Jordan Red Devils by a final score of 65-57, improving the squad's Lake Michigan Conference record to 7-2 (13-2 overall).

The Vikings had a 14-12 lead after one quarter and led 26-23 at halftime. GHS took a 50-39 advantage into the fourth quarter and won the game by eight points, 65-57.

Eli VanNuck was the scoring leader for Grayling with 27 points. Steve Hodge scored 12 points and Reagan Schmidt added 10. Jim Boylan, Bobby Starks, Mike Boylan, and Zach

Dean also scored points for the Vikings.

Starks had 7 rebounds. Schmidt and M. Boylan had 6 rebounds apiece. Schmidt and Starks both finished with 3 steals.

"We struggled at both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We executed during crunch time."

Grayling will host the Elks of Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Women's Team

Emily Henion, a 5'6" Kirtland Community College freshman who grew up in Frederic, recently received Women's Basketball Player-of-the-Week honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The announcement and Henion's picture were posted to the NJCAA Web site on Feb. 1 and took into account the fantastic statistics the petite point guard racked up in the Lady Firebirds' Jan. 28 win over Henry Ford Community College.

From the Web site, "Henion led Kirtland to a 2-0 record last week with a double-double in wins over Alpena (79-62) and Henry Ford (119-100). Against Alpena she had 11 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and three steals. She followed that with 22 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and six steals in the win over Henry Ford. On the week she averaged 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 11.0 assists and 4.5 steals per game and her assist-to-turnover ratio for the week was 22-to-1."

The award is in the association's

Division II women's basketball section which includes more than 100 colleges and teams from around the country.

"Emily is an amazing point guard," Kirtland's athletic director and head women's basketball coach Teresa Stuck said. "She has complete control of the game. When the other team is on a run and I put her in, I have no worries."

"Lately, she has really stepped up her game, especially offensively. Defensively she has increased her aggressiveness and been able to force some big turnovers at key points in games. But offensively, as a scoring threat, is where she really is starting to blossom. She is beginning to add scoring to her repertoire of talents which makes her a huge asset to us and a nightmare for other teams."

Henion is the daughter of Dave and MariAnn Henion of Frederic. She is a 2003 graduate of Gaylord St. Mary High School where she was coached by Jim Kerfoot.

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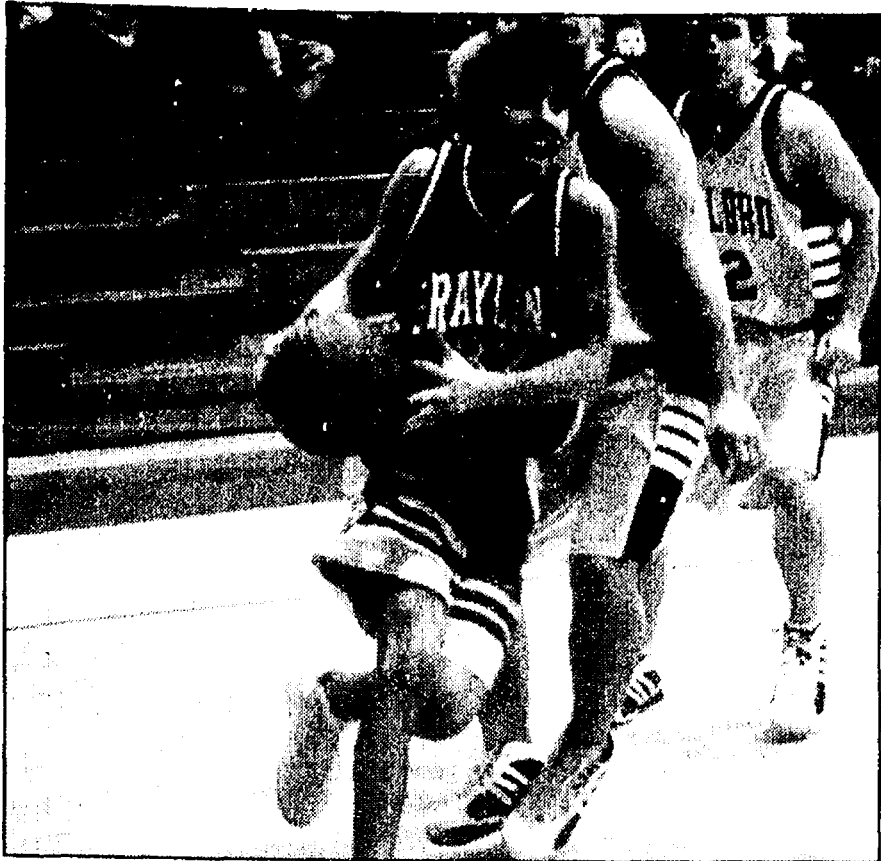
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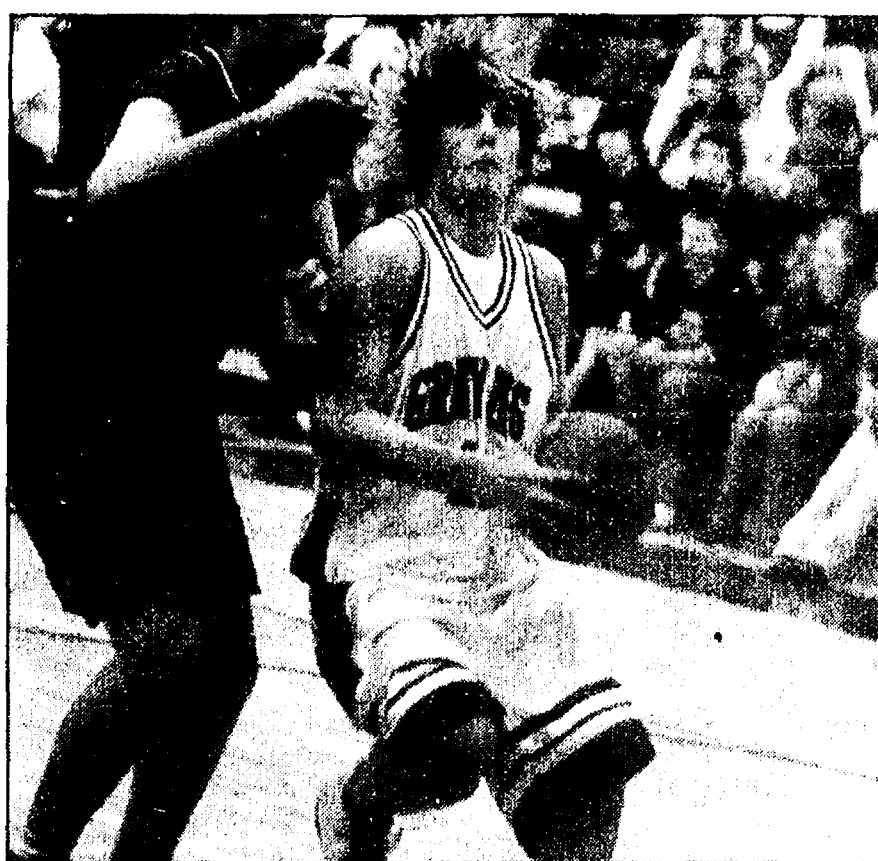
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Jason Drudge handles the ball for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday.



Geo Bindschatel looks to shoot for the Vikings during Friday's contest vs. East Jordan.

JV basketball team wins vs. East Jordan 69-46

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Bindschatel had 9 points, 11 rebounds, 11 deflections, and 9 steals for GHS. Rocky McNamara had 14 points and 8 deflections. Schreiber had 4 points, 19 deflections, and 9 steals. Jason Drudge had 5 points and 12 deflections. Josh Stapleton scored 13 points and Isaac VanNuck added 10. Matt McDonald, Ryan Cooper, Justin Denno, Andrew Hulbert, and Lucas Pippin also scored points for GHS.

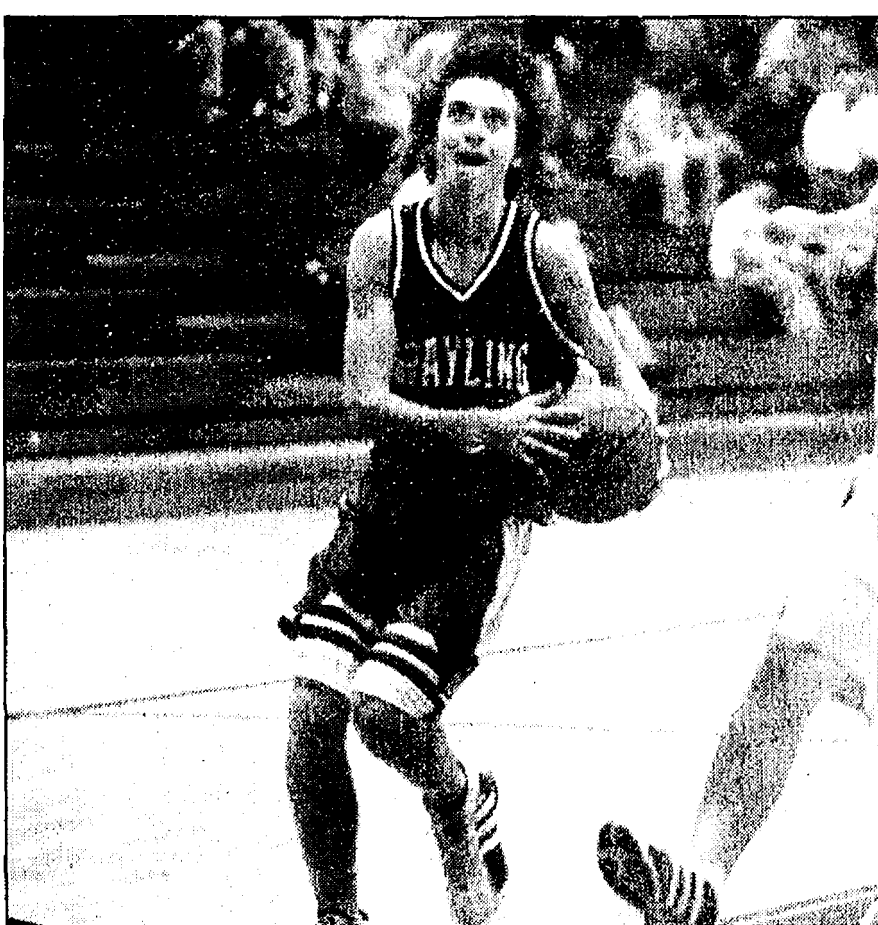
On Tuesday, Grayling lost 62-47 at Gaylord.

The Blue Devils led 19-17 after one quarter and had a 36-25 half-time advantage. Gaylord took a 50-29 lead into the fourth period.

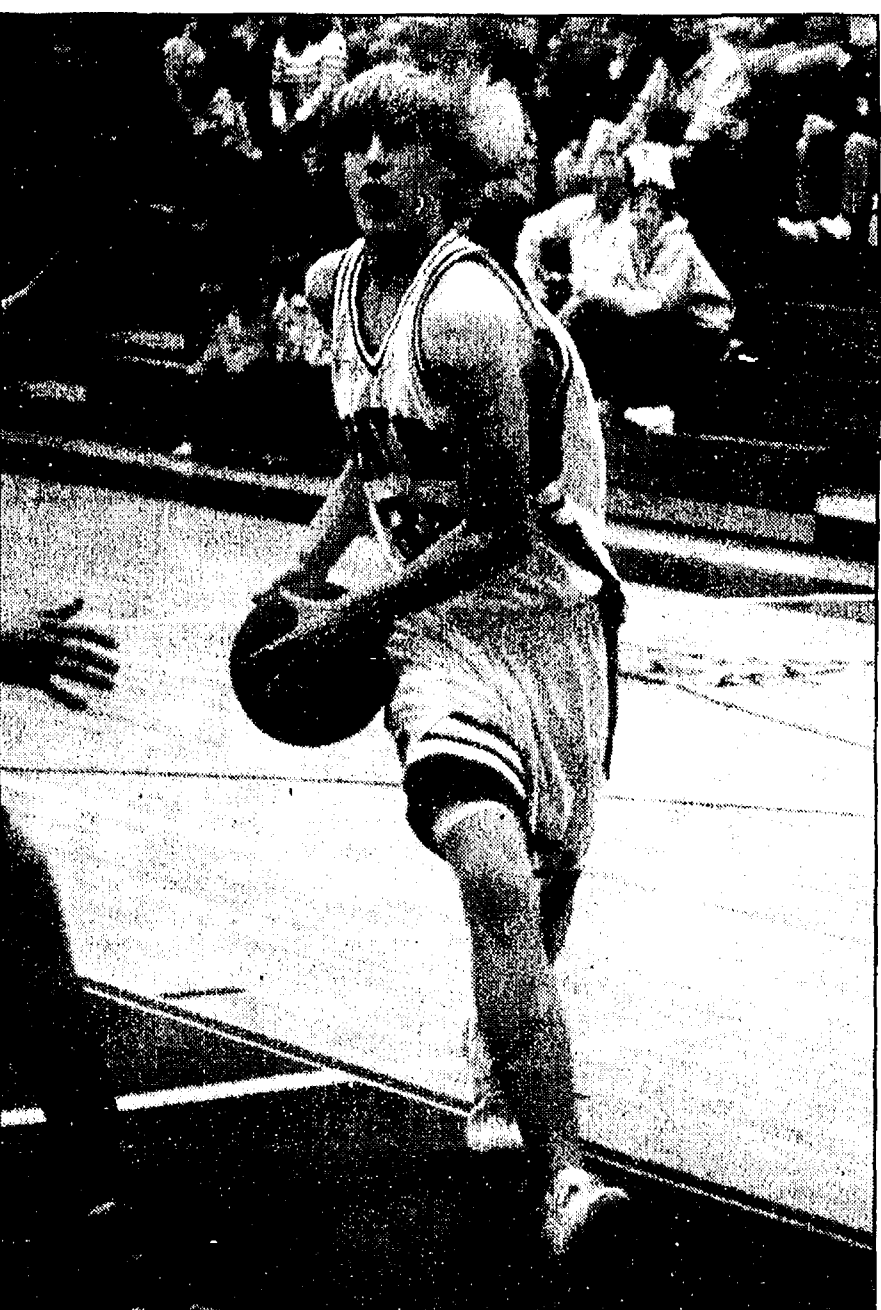
"We gave no effort on defense. Most of their points were in transition or off our turnovers," Coach Kucharek said.

Drudge had 13 points for Grayling. Justin Summers had 8 points and 6 steals.

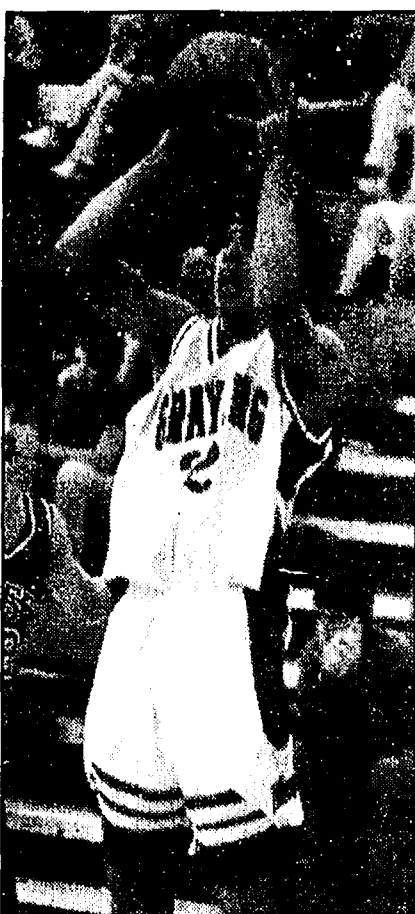
The Vikings will host Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 17.



Justin Summers shoots a lay-up for GHS on Tuesday.



Rocky McNamara (left) drives to the basket for Grayling vs. East Jordan on Friday. Isaac VanNuck (right) shoots for the Vikings on Friday night.



9th grade team defeats Red Devils 67-19



Ryan Foguth (left) handles the ball for Grayling High School's freshman basketball team on Friday. Trent Larm (right) shoots for the Vikings in the game against East Jordan on Friday night. GHS won the contest by a final score of 67-19.



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The redemption period shall be 6 months

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond W. Nelson and Darlene E. Nelson, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 6th day of August, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds,

for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A.D. 2004, in Liber 668 of Crawford Records, on page 338, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,746.35 (Seventy Nine thousand, Seven hundred Forty Six dollars and Thirty Five cents) including interest there on at 11.99% (eleven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, A.D. 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Parcel F: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 34; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East (along the Section line), 651.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes East, 155.3 feet; thence South 50 degrees 17 minutes East, 200.8 feet; thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East, 246.3 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes West, 125.9 feet; thence South 2 degrees 10 minutes West, 104.2 feet to the South one-eighth line; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 384.1 feet to the Section line; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West, 629.45 feet to the point

of beginning.

Commonly known as: 6303 Gardenia Trail

Tax ID: 020-034-010-120-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 9, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR03918457

-9-16-23-9

MORTGAGE SALE

The firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage. The mortgage was made by Monte G. Malonen, a single man, whose last known address was 525 Crescent Place, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated August 4, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 524, Pages 157, 158, 159, 160 161 & 162. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of January 9, 2006 the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 13/100 (\$71,917.13) Dollars including interest at 7.375 per annum. Interest is \$7.375 per day.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Dated: January 18, 2005

David L. Porteous
Attorney for Mortgagee
PORTEOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206
Reed City, MI 49677
(231) 832-3231

-2-9-16-23

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Tim A. Thiel, a single man, and Paul N. Thiel, a single man, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2002, and was recorded on June 20, 2002, in Liber 585 on pages 65 through 68 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,058.51, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as: Parcel 33: A parcel of land on part of the East half of Section 8, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence N89°48'29"W, 299.59 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence S80°52'01"W, 3.34 feet; thence N01°12'41"E, 395.35 feet; thence N81°49'34"E, 202.71 feet; thence S01°12'41"W, 391.94 feet; thence S80°52'01"W, 197.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across the Southerly 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006
SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER,

P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-2-9-16-23-2

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dean Worden, a single man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 5, 2005, and recorded on January 6, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 224, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven And 25/100 Dollars (\$58,967.25), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: BEING PARTS OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, OF BLOCK 8 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF HIGHWAY M-72 AND ALSO A PART OF BLOCK 9 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK DESCRIBED AS: BEING ALL THAT PART OF EVERGREEN STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 8 AND 9 AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF M-72 TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF ADJOINING LOT 17 IN BLOCK 8, IF EXTENDED SOUTH ACROSS EVERGREEN STREET TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 9, ALSO LOTS 30 THROUGH 34 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 9, FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #066825F02

-26-2-9-16

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-344-3206

Case No. 05-6874-CH
Plaintiff
MB FINANCIAL BANK F/K/A
AVONDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK

Attorney
TROTTS & TROTT, P.C.
BY: JANET Y. MILLER (P64224)
30400 TELEGRAPH ROAD,
STE. 200
BINGHAM FARMS, MI 48025
248-642-2515

v
Defendant
RICHARD KAHN
JILL KAHN
205 N. PARK DRIVE
GRAYLING, MI 49738
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendants RICHARD KAHN and JILL KAHN cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

d. PUBLISHING IN THE LEGAL NEWS FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD IN FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court. Date 1/30/06 Judge Murphy

-16-23-2

2006 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	286,300	292,210	48.99	1.0206
201 Commercial	4,303,300	4,375,941	49.17	1.0189
301 Industrial	12,941,200	12,941,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	58,033,600	62,147,783	46.69	1.0709
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	75,564,400	79,757,134		
TOTAL PERSONAL	24,697,000	24,693,797	50.01	0.9998
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	100,261,400	104,450,931		
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	5,350,100	5,350,100	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	2,786,800	2,339,490	59.56	0.8395
301 Industrial	404,600	438,258	46.16	1.0832
401 Residential	59,763,600	62,645,283	47.70	1.0482
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,848,300	1,974,258	46.81	1.0681
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	70,153,400	72,747,389		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,878,488	6,878,540	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	77,031,888	79,625,929		
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	2,159,900	2,159,900	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	8,710,700	8,523,190	51.10	0.9785
301 Industrial	24,230,800	24,544,976	49.38	1.0130
401 Residential	205,484,100	216,572,618	47.44	1.0540
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	240,585,500	251,800,684		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,141,600	6,141,270	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	246,727,100	257,941,954		
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	4,509,500	4,509,500	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	1,500,200	1,349,586	55.58	0.8996
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	62,400,700	66,046,465	47.24	1.0584
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	68,410,400	71,905,551		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,924,100	3,923,319	50.01	0.9998
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	72,334,500	75,828,870		
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	332,900	332,900	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	988,400	1,059,833	46.63	1.0723
301 Industrial	1,537,600	1,631,233	47.13	1.0609
401 Residential	24,191,900	26,352,832	45.90	1.0893
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	27,050,800	29,376,798		
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,378,030	1,378,030	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	28,428,830	30,754,828		
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	3,483,600	3,483,600	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	4,371,800	3,947,093	55.38	0.9029
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	110,212,300	113,550,690	48.53	1.0303
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	578,200	600,042	48.18	1.0378
TOTAL REAL	118,645,900	121,581,425		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,079,000	3,079,147	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	121,724,900	124,660,572		
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	31,999,600	32,303,251	49.53	1.0095
301 Industrial	6,491,300	7,000,971	46.36	1.0785
401 Residential	21,364,400	21,769,309	49.07	1.0190
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	41,600	44,133	47.13	1.0609
TOTAL REAL	59,896,900	61,117,664		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,046,900	7,046,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	66,943,800	68,164,564		

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7081 DE
Estate of Glen Bedell, deceased
Date of birth: 7/23/1932
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Glen Bedell, who lived at 10132 Powell Trail, Grayling, Michigan died 12/28/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Arthur Vaughn, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Todd H. Nye P 59301
306 State Street, P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6141

Arthur Vaughn
3775 Farren Lane
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6904

appearing that Kelly M. Wargo (now known as Kelly M. Verlinde) is the record owner of the mortgaged premises hereinafter; and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 41/100 (\$117,614.41) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Wednesday March 15, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock**, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgages together with 11 and 3/8ths percent interest on the first Mortgage and 9.0 percent interest on the second Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are describe in said Mortgages as follows to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying South of the County Road. (Also Commonly known as 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic Michigan, 49733; tax no. 030-002-005-125-00.)

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale unless property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright

Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-4010, ext. 4.

Dated: January 31, 2006
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-9-16-23-2

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Manchester, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 228, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine

Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four And 83/100 Dollars (\$59,634.83), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEBRUARY 8, 2006

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2006 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

January	18	July	19
February	15	August	16
March	15	September	20
April	19	Budget Hearing 9-28 at 5:00 PM (Thur)	
May	17	October	18
June	21	November	08*(2 nd Wed)
		December	20

2006 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL & LABOR WAYS & MEANS

FIRST THURSDAY AT 3:30 P.M.

January	05	July	06
February	02	August	03
March	02	September	07
April	06	October	05
May	04	November	02
June	01	December	07

FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5811
File #082782F01

-16-23-29

Dated: February 16, 2006
For more information, please call:

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TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 13, 2006 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 16, 2006 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 899 1/2 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATIONS	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Notice

South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 13, 2006, at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 16, 2006, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2006.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multiplier for each class of real property and personal property for 2005 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon MI 48653
(989) 275-8232

Laura Smith, Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989) 348-6713

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30 pm on March 7, 2006. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 14, 2006 2 pm-5 pm and 6 pm-9 pm
March 18, 2006 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 17, 1983

Heidi Goss, a GHS senior, won the Miss Grayling pageant, taking over the crown from Donelle Bentley, Miss Grayling 1982.

Grayling volleyballers gave their parents something to cheer about, winning in front of a parent's night crowd and then taking two more from Charlevoix to go 6-0 in the league.

Dave Wiltse, owner of the Wiltse Carpet Service, gathered with area business men and women for the grand opening of Wiltse Carpet Service, located downtown on Michigan Ave.

Sacred Ground, starring Tim McIntire and Jack Elam, is now playing at the Rialto Theatre.

Coming soon to Clair's Standard Station is the all new Ryko Automatic Car Wash. Clair's Standard is located at 208 Cedar Street.

The student council at the middle school, sponsored by teacher Karen McDonald, conducted Spirit Week activities. The candidates for King and Queen were: Cheryl Barber and Todd Laitinen for sixth grade; Jackie Yoder and Jeff Wolcott for seventh grade; and Tammy Welch and David Nielson for eighth grade.

Sunshine and mild temperatures turned the Squirt Day Hanson Hills ski races into as much fun for spectators as racers.

The top racers in the second annual Squirt Day races were Tammy Mires and Jon Noteware, 1st and 2nd grade group; Jeff Pernie, 3rd and 4th; Tim Hickey, 5th and 6th grade; Cari Longworth and Jayson Welser, 7th and 8th grade; and the senior division was won by Terry Norman, a '82 GHS graduate who led the boys ski team last year with his brother, Jerry. The Grayling High School ski team won the Hanson Hills Squirt Invitational, led by Karyn Reynolds and Dave Martella.

It's the Grand Opening of Wagon Wheel Laundromat and Dry Cleaners, located in the Grayling Mini Mall.

Karyn Reynolds, GHS skier, kept her gold medal streak alive last weekend, winning three more United States Association Central Division races at Thunder Mt.

46 Years Ago
February 18, 1960

A search of the building permits over the past 16 years issued by the City of Grayling shows a decided upswing in construction in the city.

A young rabbit hunter, age 19 from Grand Ledge accidentally shot himself in the leg while hunting near Grayling. The young man told investigating officers that the accident occurred when he broke through the ice of a beaver pond and the gun accidentally fired.

Brig. General Wendall C. Phillippi, commanding general of the Indiana National Guard crowns Ann Louise Peabody, as the 1960 Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. The queen is a 17 year old high school senior from Lake Fenton.

As last year, the Grayling High School Junior class won the snow sculpture contest and a check for \$50. The theme of their sculpture was "Grayling, Ruler of Winter Sports."

In an attempt to give the younger set in this area something to do, the Grayling Bowhunters are having a series of Saturday night "record hops."

The 35th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival will long be remembered for the ideal weather afforded both Saturday and Sunday. The sun was out brightly but crimps temperatures made skiing and tobogganing much more exhilarating.

The Frederic varsity basketball team lost to Bellaire in a conference game at Frederic by a 56-48 score.

Skiing on Friday nights under rainbow lighting at Mount Mancelona for 50 cents, children 18 and under and \$1.00 for adults.

Two local Drewrys bowling teams will compete in the State Bowling Tournament in Muskegon. The two teams are sponsored by Harry Kumrei, local beverage distributor. Team members of Drewrys No. 1, are: Bob Dean, Ted Hausmann, Glenn

Sawyer, Dr. Paul Junttila and Phil Payment. Team No. 2, Arnold Mauren, Jack Gunderson, Larry Battey, Bud Smith, and Whitey Madsen.

69 Years Ago
February 18, 1937

A flock of crows and one robin were reported seen near the US-27 bridge. Spring must be just around the corner.

Dr. J. F. Cook is moving his dental office into the offices that have been prepared for his use in the Dr. Stealy building, formerly the Bank of Grayling building.

E.J. Olson caught a 35 inch pike in Lake Margrethe.

92 Years Ago
February 19, 1913

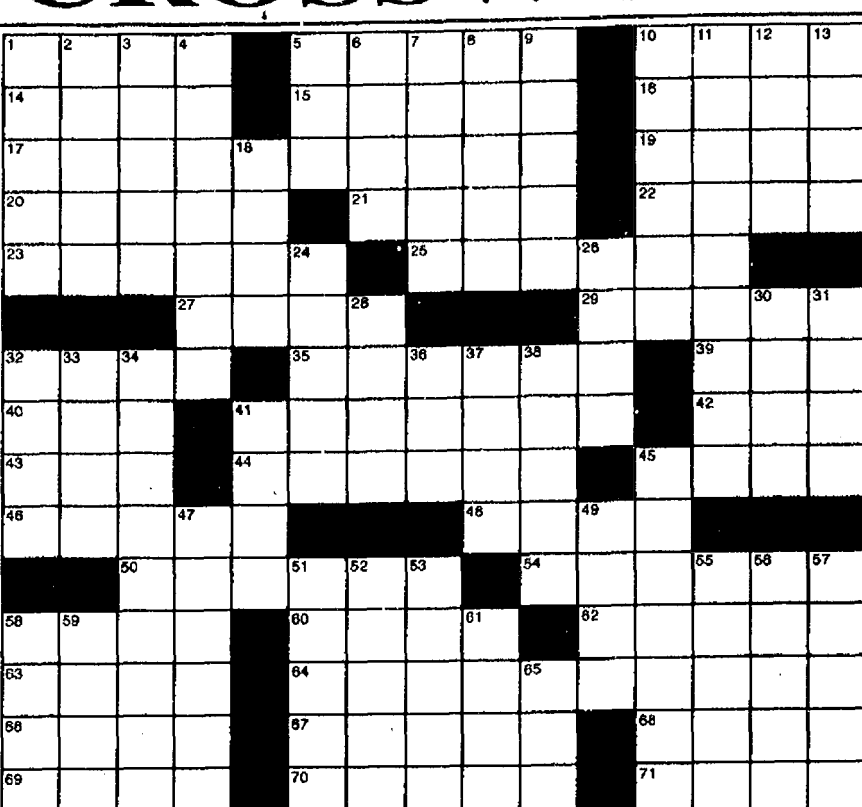
Mrs. J.E. Crowley and Miss Nellie Shanahan expect to leave Monday for Detroit and Toledo to purchase summer millinery goods.

Twin calves were born at the Julius Nelson dairy, although fully developed, they both died the same day.

The masquerade dancing party given by Svend Hanson, Alfred Hanson, Jens Sorenson and Aage Roed at the Opera House was a most enjoyable evening and well attended.

The citizen's band minstrel show was held at the Opera house with a full chorus and band accompaniment. Carl Peterson, the interlocutor, started the laugh-making program.

CROSSWORD



Across

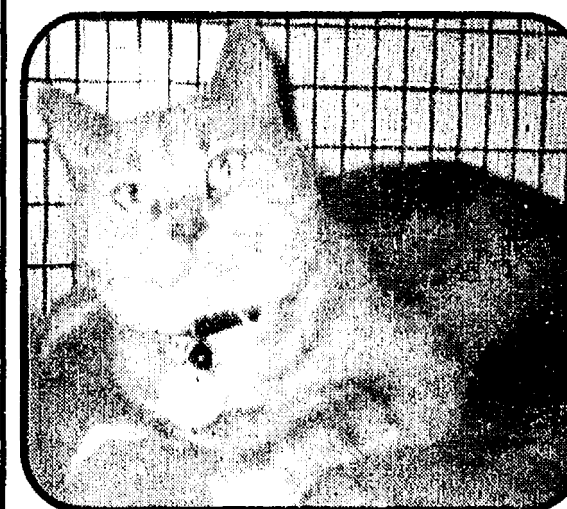
Down

1. Diamonds
5. Give support.
10. Hieronymus __, Netherlandish Northern Renaissance painter.
14. List of those present.
15. Greek goddess of seasons.
16. Capital of Western Samoa.
17. Unwillingness to make a decision.
19. Amount paid for a tenant to a landlord for the use of property.
20. Combining form meaning "narrow."
21. Deserve by one's actions.
22. Single things.
23. Johann Gottfried von __, German philosopher and writer.
25. Subject to legal action.
27. Cut and assemble components.
29. Dialect of Ancient Greek spoken in Ionia.
32. Glide indefinitely without loss of altitude.
35. __ Underground, recorded four studio albums from 1965 to 1970.
39. Mock.
40. Graft a bird's wing with feathers.
41. Arranged in a series.
42. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet.
43. Hit with a missile from a weapon.
44. Trap in a net.
45. __ Smith, a Scottish political economist.
46. Section of a book that projects beyond the other sections at the fore edge.
48. American rock band formed by Mark Oliver Everett.
50. Camp defended by a circular formation of wag- ons.
54. Marked by smartness in dress and manners.
58. Group, especially of politically allied countries.
60. Slang for "excellent."
62. Tortilla chip topped with cheese and chili pep- per and broiled.
63. Way of appearing.
64. Belonging to a regiment.
66. Semicircular projection of a building at the east end of a church with a domed or vaulted room.
67. Smell, especially a pleasant one.
68. Twist or roll into ringlets.
69. Pulsation.
70. Aka dassie.
71. City in Pennsylvania.

1. Blaine __, director of Satan's Paradise.
2. Luis __, Grammy winner and master of percus- sion.
3. Relating to a more advanced time of life.
4. One of the suitors of Anne Page in Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.
5. Spirit in Siamese folk religion that causes sick- ness and evil for humans.
6. Turn off lighting or sound.
7. Bearded reddish sheep of Southern Asia.
8. Indigenous people of New Zealand.
9. David __, percussionist.
10. Luis __, erected one of Argentina's most notable structures.
11. Not having a planned ending.
12. Without.
13. Slang for "LSD."
18. Open to both men and women.
24. To be torn violently.
26. Smallest measure of data.
28. Duration.
30. Scarcely detectable amount.
31. To fill something by force beyond its natural capacity.
32. Drinks in small quantities.
33. Leave unmentioned.
34. Horse breed with one of several distinct pat- terns of spots.
36. Position in which the golf ball rests on the ground.
37. Usually round vessel, deeper than it is wide.
38. Colorless liquid with a pleasant, characteristic odor.
41. Bristle.
45. Sideways glance.
47. Illegal enterprise carried on for profit.
49. Yuri __, called the "human beatbox."
51. Smallest coin among the Jewish people.
52. All the parts.
53. Great care and thoroughness.
55. Stress in verse.
56. Kevin __, award-winning vocalist.
57. __ Williams, singer.
58. To tattle.
59. Cause a horse to canter rapidly and gracefully.
61. Adriana __, Brazilian model.
65. __ Barry, Australian author.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Dusty
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/8	23	14	0
2/9	21	6	0
2/10	24	10	0.01
2/11	30	4	0.01
2/12	30	3	0
2/13	26	17	0.12
2/14	26	10	0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 28 Low 15	High 18 Low 8	High 14 Low 8	High 21 Low 15	High 25 Low 19	High 32 Low 20
Snow	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Scattered Snow Showers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

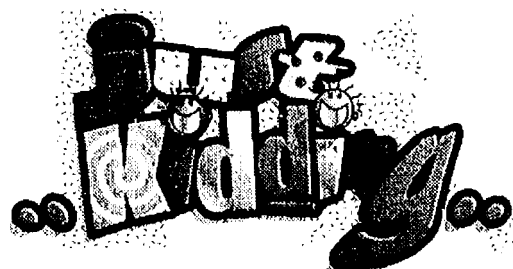


Chocolate Angel Cake

- 1 package (16 oz.) angel food cake mix
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons hot fudge topping, divided
- 2 cups whipped topping, divided
- 1 can (20 or 21 oz.) cherry pie filling, divided

Mix dry cake mix ingredients with cocoa. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Bake in a 10-inch tube pan in a preheated 350° oven as directed on package. Let cool as package directs. When cake has cooled completely, carefully remove from pan. Cut horizontally in half. Place bottom half, cut side up, on serving plate. Spread with 3/4 cup fudge topping. (Do not heat fudge topping.) Cover with 1 cup whipped topping, then half of the cherry pie filling. Place top half of cake over cherries, cut side down. Spread with 3/4 cup fudge topping. Cover with remaining 1 cup whipped topping and cherry pie filling. If you have extra pie filling, put it in the center of cake. Refrigerate 1 hour. Just before serving, warm remaining 2 tablespoons fudge topping and drizzle over top of cake.

Makes 12 Servings



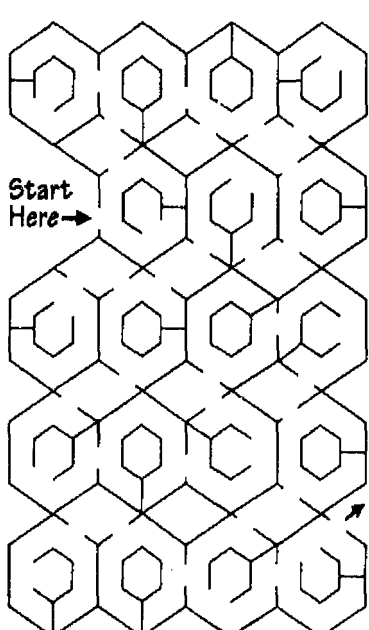
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For the Week of February 16, 2006



December 22-
January 19

Appreciation comes in various forms. Remember that, Capricorn, as you wrap up a project at work, sparks fly and passion burns bright throughout the week.



March 21-
April 19

Cupid is knocking on your door, Aries. Can you hear him? A financial windfall presents you with a bevy of opportunity. Make your choices carefully.



June 22-
July 22

Ooh-la-la, Cancer. Scores of surprises highlight the week. A mix-up at home tests your patience, but everything works out and peace reigns once again. A foe turns friend.



September
23-October 22

Clever words make for an interesting weekend. Travel plans fall through, but you make up for it with a luxurious treat, Libra. A financial loss is another's gain.



January 20-
February 18

Arrows of jealousy eat at you and you become green with envy. Squash your feelings, Aquarius, and focus on what you do have rather than what you don't.



April 20-
May 20

Confidence envelops you, Taurus, and it shows. Everyone turns to you and you know just what to say. A relationship takes a step forward.



July 23-
August 22

Shades of red surround you, Leo, and inspire you to do great things. A family cutting turns out better than expected and you are the reason.



October 23-
November 21

Passion is rekindled, Scorpio, and you're ready. A cloud of harmony descends on your home and magical things begin to happen.



February 19-
March 20

Romantic thoughts set the stage for a pleasant weekend. Mountains of work are assigned to a coworker. Lend them a hand, Pisces. A recreational class opens up.



May 21-
June 21

Wow, Gemini. Dreams of yore become reality this week. A new project at work stirs your inner soul and fuels your passions. A buddy's questions are answered.



August 23-
September 22

Love is in the air, Virgo. Can you feel it? A long-lost letter pushes you to make a decision you've been putting off for some time now. Good luck.



November 22-
December 21

Information comes from various sources. Pay attention, Sagittarius, and put it to good use. An unusual gift puts you on cloud nine and makes everything rosy.

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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HOUSE FOR SALE Secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods, 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$104,500. Must see, must sell. Open house 9 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. 989-390-9812. (-16/1)

LEWISTON Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, 2,440 sq. ft. with oversized 2-car garage, 644 sq. ft. Ideal for Adult Foster Care Home needed in Lewiston area. Great location across from Senior Apts. on Mary Ann Drive. Barrier free, previously licensed as AIS home. Other uses: Pre-school, Day Care Center or for family with handicapped child or frail parents. Two large lots, good well, oversized septic. Buy for \$139,000 or lease. Flexible terms for qualified buyer. Jack Matthias, 989-742-4732. (-16-23/1)

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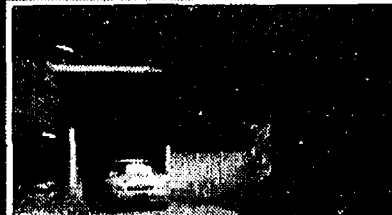
Meticulously kept, well constructed home near Kneff Lake. Home has 5 acres of land with a optional 5 available. Home features custom craftsmanship, 3-4 bedrooms 2 plus baths, a knock out garage with upper level and plumbing. \$159,900 #5638

NEW LISTING

Immaculate home located on 2.26 acres with 122 feet of frontage on the upper Ausable River. Home features four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite with hot tub, covered deck overlooking the river, an attached and a detached garage. \$145,000 #5539



Pride of ownership highlights this 1872 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home. Home has top quality mechanical and structural features. Additionally a nicely landscaped 4 acres harbors a 30 x 40 2 story heated garage, 26 x 28 garage. Priced to sell \$169,900. #5602



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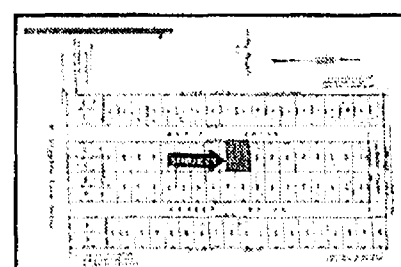
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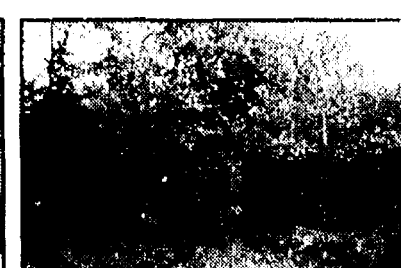
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1.1 ACRES on King Road, close to Guard Camp. Well, pump house, telephone and power line already on property. Asking \$15,000. 616-681-0178 or 616-813-1893. (-9-16/1)

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2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income Maximum Ceiling Rents 1 Bedroom.....\$400 Rent Includes Utilities 308 Lawndale Drive 989-348-9314



3. Employment

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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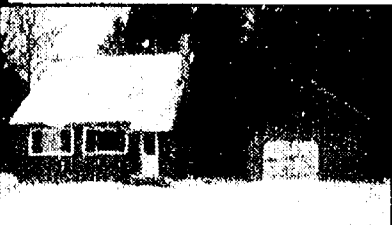
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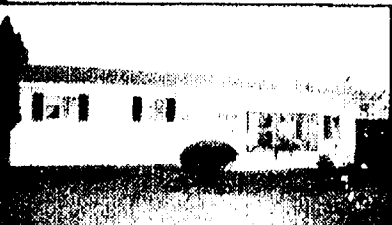
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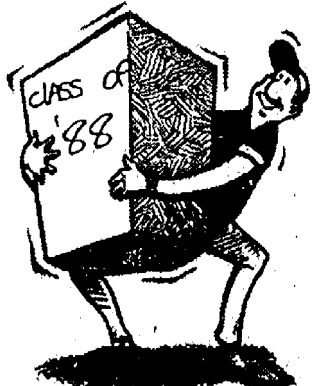
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Announcements

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GRAYLING NURSING AND REHAB offers private rooms to all admissions. Call us today. 348-2801. (-16-23/8)

THE EAGLES are having a meeting on February 20. There will be a vote for the addition to the kitchen. All members are encouraged to attend. (-16/8)

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9. Personals

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11. Automotive

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2006 TRAILBLAZER "LS"		2006 SILVERADO "LS" EXT. CAB	
Up To \$3000 REBATE OR 4.9%	Up To \$5000 REBATE OR 2.9%	Up To \$750 REBATE OR 2.9%	Up To \$1000 REBATE OR 3.9%
NO Security Deposit Required	NO Security Deposit Required	NO Security Deposit Required	NO Security Deposit Required
EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE	EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE	EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE	EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE
GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE	GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE	GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE	GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE
WAS \$29,870	WAS \$31,175	WAS \$22,520	WAS \$24,445
EVERYONE \$24,639	EVERYONE \$22,946	EVERYONE \$20,461	EVERYONE \$22,131
GM FAMILY \$23,702	GM FAMILY \$22,493	GM FAMILY \$19,798	GM FAMILY \$21,429
\$278 Mo	\$259 Mo	\$248 Mo	\$268 Mo
\$279 total due	\$379 total due	\$248 total due	\$448 total due

ALL NEW 2006 IMPALA "LS"

2006 EQUINOX "LS"	
Up To \$750 REBATE OR 2.9%	Up To \$1000 REBATE OR 3.9%
NO Security Deposit Required	NO Security Deposit Required
EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE	EVERYONE 39 MO LEASE
GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE	GM FAMILY 27 MO LEASE
WAS \$22,520	WAS \$24,445
EVERYONE \$20,461	EVERYONE \$22,131
GM FAMILY \$19,798	GM FAMILY \$21,429
\$248 Mo	\$268 Mo
\$248 total due	\$448 total due

WE ALSO HAVE SILVERADO PICKUPS, AVALANCHES, AND COLORADOS AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!!

NEW 2005 CLEARANCE SPECIALS!!

NEW DEMO '05 CHEVY SILVERADO 4x4, extended cab, fully equipped! Stock #20941
WAS \$37,670 **NOW ONLY \$24,249!!**

NEW DEMO '05 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4 Loaded! 2711 Stock #20772
WAS \$50,830 **NOW ONLY \$32,988!!**

NEW '05 CHEVY COLORADO EXT CAB 4X4 Auto, air, power options! Stock #21224
WAS \$25,945 **NOW ONLY \$19,488!!**

NEW '05 CHEVY AVALANCHE 4x4 H4 conversion, leather! Looks like a Hummer on steroids! Stock #21132
WAS \$45,835 **NOW ONLY \$33,085!!**

NEW '05 CADILLAC DEVILLE Awesome white diamond beauty! Loaded! Stock #21233
WAS \$49,655 **NOW ONLY \$37,227!!**

NEW '05 CADILLAC CTS Wheel! Heated leather, power sunroof, the Works! Stock #20779
WAS \$38,110 **NOW ONLY \$30,888!!**

Save even more on these 2005's with the GM employee discount!!

NEXT TO NEW CARS

2005 CADILLAC DEVILLE Wow! Beautiful car, leather, low miles! Stock #5444
USED TO BE \$30,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$26,988**

2005 CHEVY MALIBU CLASSIC Great car! Low Miles! \$10,000 less than new! Stock #5487
USED TO BE \$14,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$12,988**

2005 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE Leather & low miles. These are over \$30,000 brand new! Stock #5434
USED TO BE \$19,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$16,988**

2005 CHEVY IMPALA LS Leather, 3.8 V6, 30 mpg hwy. Great car, low miles! Stock #5431
USED TO BE \$19,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$17,988**

2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM - SE V6, Full Equipment! Only 13,000 miles! Stock #5459
USED TO BE \$16,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$14,488**

2005 CHEVY IMPALA Great gas mileage, nicely equipped. Costs \$25,000 brand new! Stock #5470
USED TO BE \$14,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$12,988**

2005 FORD FOCUS X4 ST pkg. Loaded! Power sunroof, 6-disc CD, full power and all the toys! Only 12,000 miles! Great Gas mileage with 5 speed manual trans! Stock #213471
USED TO BE \$17,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$15,988**

2003 BUICK LESABRE LT. Bronzest with leather seats. Low miles, loaded! Brand new tires! Stock #5455
USED TO BE \$18,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$16,988**

2003 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT 4 dr., Wow! Hot red GT with power sunroof, chrome wheels, fully equipped! Low miles! Very Sharp! Stock #5495
USED TO BE \$15,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$13,988**

1998 CADILLAC ELDORADO What a cream puff! Only 55,000 miles! You gotta see this one! Stock #21451 T1
USED TO BE \$13,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$11,988**

2003 OLDSMOBILE ALERO GL 4 dr., V6, nice clean car, equipped right! Low Miles! Stock #5493
USED TO BE \$12,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$10,988**

2002 CHRYSLER 300M Wow! Leather, brand new tires, low miles! A really nice car for a very good price! Stock #21452 T1
USED TO BE \$14,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$12,988**

CLEAN USED CARS UNDER \$10,000

2003 FORD FOCUS X3 Air, 5 spd. Manual, CD, cruise and more! Great gas mileage! Very clean and sharp! Stock #5498 T3
USED TO BE \$10,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$8,988**

2001 CHEVY MALIBU LS 5 cyl., automatic, power options. Nice car! Good miles! Stock #21257 T1
USED TO BE \$9,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$7,988**

2000 PONTIAC SUNFIRE CONVERTIBLE Real Sharp! Looks and runs great! End of summer special! Stock #5398
USED TO BE \$9,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$6,488**

1999 DODGE NEON Auto, air, and best of all...only 48,000 miles! A real peach!! Stock #21517 T1
USED TO BE \$6,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$4,988**

1994 CADILLAC DEVILLE CONCOURS EDITION 1 owner car! Clean as a whistle! One of a kind! Stock #21570 T1
USED TO BE \$7,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$5,988**

NEXT TO NEW TRUCKS, VANS, ETC.

2005 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 4x4 LT. Power sunroof, 6 CD changer, low miles! GM executive car! \$14,000 less than new! Stock #5480
USED TO BE \$22,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$19,988**

2005 CHEVY UPLANDER All Wheel Drive - LT with heated leather seats, loaded, loaded, loaded! Low miles! \$10,000 less than brand new! Stock #5481
USED TO BE \$26,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$24,988**

2004 GMC ENVY - SLE 4X4 Trim, very sharp and clean! **BLOWOUT PRICE \$17,498**

2004 DODGE DURANGO 3 seats with leather! Nice! A real bargain! Stock #5489
USED TO BE \$17,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$15,988**

2004 SATURN VUE Loaded! Heated seats, lots of extras! Stock #21525 T1
USED TO BE \$17,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$15,988**

2004 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4x4 Z71, like new, only 19,000 miles! Stock #5497
USED TO BE \$23,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$21,988**

2003 PONTIAC MONTANA - ALL WHEEL DRIVE Loaded! Low miles! Balance of factory warranty! Stock #5440
USED TO BE \$19,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$16,988**

2003 PONTIAC AZTEK - ALL WHEEL DRIVE Nice Clean Car! Goes through the snow! Stock #21261 T1
USED TO BE \$17,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$15,988**

2003 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE EXTENDED - WOW! A beautiful van for a reasonable price! Only at Scheer Motors! Stock #5490
USED TO BE \$17,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$15,488**

2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4 LT with heated leather, fiberglass top, V8, auto, LS, nice truck! Stock #5202-1
USED TO BE \$23,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$17,988**

2002 SATURN VUE AWD, V6, very nice! Stock #2116 T1
USED TO BE \$16,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$13,988**

2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 4X4 LT Nice clean van! Lots of options! Stock #21539 T1
USED TO BE \$14,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$12,988**

2001 FORD F150 SUPERCAB 4X4 XLT LARIAT Leather, top, low miles! Great truck! Stock #21453 T1
USED TO BE \$16,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$14,988**

2000 JEEP WRANGLER - 4X4 Hardtop, 6 cyl., auto, air, cruise! Really hot! Stock #5431
USED TO BE \$16,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$14,988**

CLEAN USED TRUCKS, VANS, ETC. UNDER \$10,000

2000 CHEVY VENTURE Extended, nice van, low miles! Stock #5400 T1
USED TO BE \$10,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$8,988**

2000 PONTIAC MONTANA Nice and clean! Runs and drives great! Stock #21549 T1
USED TO BE \$9,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$4,988**

2000 CHEVY ASTRO ALL WHEEL DRIVE Has some miles but this is one nice van! Stock #5478 T1
USED TO BE \$8,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$4,988**

1999 DODGE RAM CONVERSION VAN Nice van! New motor recently! Must see! Stock #20975 T1
USED TO BE \$6,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$4,988**

1998 CHEVY BLAZER 4 DR 4X4 Wow! Very clean and nice! Leather, loaded! Under 100,000 miles! Stock #21324 T2
USED TO BE \$8,488 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$6,488**

1998 CHEVY VENTURE EXT. Area bargain! Stock #5435 T1
USED TO BE \$13,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$2,988**

1997 GMC SAFARI AWD Clean and sharp! Great winter driving! Stock #5471 T1
USED TO BE \$6,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$4,988**

1995 GMC SIERRA EXT. CAB 4X4 Has miles but will travel! Stock #5498
USED TO BE \$4,988 **BLOWOUT PRICE \$3,988**

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